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The rates, terms and coverage offered all have to be explained clearly to consumers, said Bernard Lord, head of the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association.

All the major wireless services providers have signed on to the new code of conduct, including Bell, Rogers, Telus, Videotron, MTS Allstream and new players Public Mobile and WIND Mobile.

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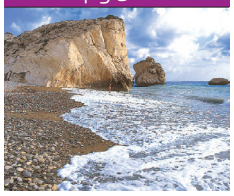

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Former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant talks to media yesterday in Toronto. Bryant was charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous operation of a vehicle causing death after a cyclist was killed Monday night. More coverage, page 3.

# Ex-AG charged

## Michael Bryant arrested in death of bicycle courier

**A lawyer who rose through the ranks of the Ontario government to become a prominent cabinet minister and went on to a high-profile role selling Toronto to investors was charged yesterday with criminal negligence causing the death of a bicycle courier who fell from a moving vehicle.**

Michael Bryant, a former attorney general considered by many political observers to have the right stuff for a run at the premier's job, was also charged with dangerous operation of a vehicle in the incident that played out Monday in front of horrified witnesses in the city's upscale Yorkville district.

A source close to the former minister told The Canadian Press that Bryant and his wife, Susan Abramovitch, were driving home after a dinner to celebrate their 12th anniversary.

After being charged, a forlorn-looking Bryant, a 43-year-old lawyer known for his energetic tenacity, emerged from a city police station after spending the night in custody to briefly face the media spotlight that he once eagerly sought in his political career.

Bryant Charged

"May I ask for your understanding in not making a full statement today or taking your questions on last night's tragic events," Bryant said as his lawyer stood by.

"At an appropriate moment, I will of course speak to you."

He then extended his "deepest condolences to the family involved" and offered thanks to those who had offered their support before leaving.

Toronto police Sgt. Tim Burrows said Bryant had not been drinking and was being released under unspecified conditions on his own recognizance pending a court appearance Oct. 19.

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## Victim was popular, troubled

Bryant Charged

Darcy Allan Sheppard was a father of four, a would-be stand-up comedian and a popular bicycle courier who fathered four children.

He was also an alcoholic who had struggled with substance abuse and other issues since his troubled youth, friends and family members said yesterday.

Darcy Allan Sheppard

Sheppard, 33, was born into a low-income Métis family in Alberta, the eldest of Diane Tourangeau's eight children. Tourangeau was an alcoholic herself, unable to care for him, and children's services removed him from her household.

"We probably had one of the hardest lives growing up," brother Dave Sheppard, 31, said from the Stony Mountain prison near Winnipeg.

"A lot of foster homes. Broken-down families."

A good man but "troubled spirit," said roommate Jordana Maxwell, he variously battled his drinking problem, drug addiction and other troubles.

Bike couriers knew him as nonconformist, kind and welcoming but also a talented wiseacre. Friends delighted in ribbing him over his several failed open-mic appearances at comedy clubs.

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**Woman sexually assaulted at nightclub, police say**
Toronto police say they are looking for a suspect after a woman was sexually assaulted in the washroom of a College Street and Spadina Avenue nightclub early Monday morning. The man is described as white, 25, 5-foot-10, with a medium build and dark-brown spiky hair. He was wearing a white shirt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

# Local

## Suspicious bag shuts down SRT

**Kennedy subway station and the entire Scarborough Rapid Transit line were closed for about an hour yesterday as police investigated a suspicious bag left unattended in the stairwell of the subway station. Upon further examination, the bag was found to just be carrying clothes. Service resumed shortly afterwards.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Bryant urged to step down

## Take leave, councillor says

**Given the serious criminal charges he now faces, Michael Bryant should take a leave of absence from his new role as president and CEO of Mayor David Miller's new Invest Toronto agency, says a city councillor.**

"I don't believe he can continue on under this cloud," Coun. Brian Ashton said.

"He's in a very difficult, unfortunate situation. Of course your credibility has been (damaged) ... so it's pretty difficult to carry on in that position" as CEO.

Last September, the city announced that its Toronto Economic Development Corp. was partially being replaced by Invest Toronto, now responsible for marketing and promoting the city to investors.

In early June, Bryant left his post as economic development minister in Premier Dalton McGuinty's government to lead Invest Toronto.

As chair of the city's arm's-length agency, Miller should recommend to the board whether Bryant should take a leave of absence, with or without pay, Ashton argued yesterday.

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**Bryant Charged**

## Fatal spot **Bike courier dies**

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**Looking east along Bloor Street — the spot where a bike courier died Monday night after allegedly being dragged several hundred metres west along Bloor by a car. Former attorney general Michael Bryant has been charged with criminal negligence causing death and dangerous operation of a vehicle.**

## Camaraderie carries couriers through

**ACCIDENT** "Ride man, ride, so the devil won't catch you," reads a waybill tacked to a slim oak tree — a farewell to a traveller in the fast and furious world of bicycle couriers.

It's there on the "Bike lanes on Bloor St." stickers, marking the spot where cyclist and courier Darcy Allan Sheppard died Monday. There's camaraderie among them, though they are not quite a unified band of brothers. They may not know each other's names — there up to 200 in the city — but every fellow rider who passes gets a look of recognition because of the danger they face.

A study in Montreal showed the accident rate for couriers is six times that of other cyclists.

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## News in brief

**POLITICIANS** Michael Bryant isn't the only current or former politician to have a high-profile run-in with the law. Politicians John Snobelen, Randy Hillier, Michael Davidson, Will Ferguson, Gordon Campbell and Réne Lévesque have all had their own troubles with the law. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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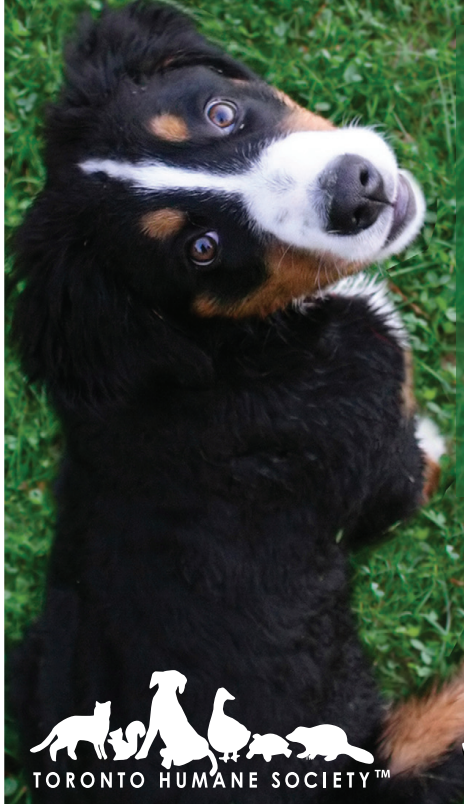

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# McGuinty fires warning shot

## Premier cautions agencies on spending in wake of OLG firing

**Facing expense scandals at two provincial agencies, Premier Dalton McGuinty issued a stern warning yesterday to top officials at all 600 Ontario agencies, boards and commissions to lead by example or face dismissal, just like the head of the province's lottery corporation.**

Kelly McDougald, the CEO of Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp., was fired Monday — and the entire board of directors resigned — after expenses filed by senior staff were deemed "unacceptable" by the government.

"I have a particularly important message for the leadership of our agencies, boards and commissions: you must lead by example," McGuinty said at a news conference.

"If you doubt our commitment, take a look at the example of which we are making of OLG."

The auditor general will determine if any rules were broken at the lottery corporation when staff submitted claims for lavish restaurant and bar bills, gym and golf club memberships and even a $30 car wash.

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Premier Dalton McGuinty addresses the media about the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. scandal at Queen's Park in Toronto yesterday.

**"If you doubt our commitment, take a look at the example of which we are making of OLG."** Premier Dalton McGuinty

McGuinty said employees who claimed unacceptable expenses will have to repay taxpayers.

Many private companies, but not all, are scaling back on expenses like club memberships and lavish restaurant meals, said Prof. Len Brooks, a specialist in business ethics at the University of Toronto. The premier did the right thing in aiming his message at the agencies, said Brooks.

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# Star power added to free film fest events

TIFF Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman, rapper Chuck D, and the National Ballet of Canada are among the performers added to a slew of free events planned during the Toronto International Film Festival.

Brueggergosman will host an opening night concert by DJ Champion, rapper Chuck D will host and perform at the closing night party, and the National Ballet of Canada will preview a new piece choreographed by Azure Barton. The daily events conclude with a free movie screening of the people's choice winner at the Elgin Theatre on the festival's closing night.

The festival runs Sept. 10 to 19. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Measha Brueggergosman

## News in brief

**ANIMALS** Phoenix, the maltreated and emaciated chow chow rescued from a Clarington backyard this summer, won't have a chance to live up to his name. The five-year-old purebred has untreatable tongue cancer.

**LUCKY** Her name is Layla, but you can call her Lucky. The 3-year-old domestic longhaired cat survived a 22-storey fall from an apartment window. The Humane Society is looking for someone to adopt her. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Will stars align for PanAm bid?

## Toronto bid has timing, geography and language plus

**With rave reviews of Toronto's bid to host the Pan Am Games in 2015, the stars may finally be aligning for the city to win a coveted spot on the international stage.**

Timing, geography and language are in Toronto's favour this November when the 42-member Pan American Sports Organization meets in Mexico to choose the location of the two-week event.

• After three consecutive games in Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking countries, it may be time to move to an English-speaking one.

• With two South American countries competing to host, they could cancel each other out during the first ballot, helping Canada's chances.

• With many direct flights to Pearson and a promise to waive visa requirements for accredited athletes and coaches, transportation should be smooth.

With the buzz on Toronto as it competes for hosting privileges against Bogota, Colombia and Lima, Peru, victory would be even sweeter, given the city's also-ran status in past attempts to host the Olympics and world expos.

> **"I would think Toronto is the front-runner. I don't think there is any doubt of that."**
> Mike Fennell

"I would think Toronto is the front-runner. I don't think there is any doubt of that," said Mike Fennell, president of the Jamaican Olympic Association, though a final decision on how Jamaica will vote has not been made.

"From what I've seen, Toronto is way above anybody else in terms of their bid."

He rattled off a list of elements that make Toronto's bid superior, including direct flights from Jamaica and its use of English.

After games in 2003 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro in 2007 and Guadalajara, Mexico in 2011, it may be time again for an English-speaking host city. Winnipeg hosted in 1999.

Bogota is seen as the main competition, though Lima has touted the sentimental card because Peru has never hosted a games. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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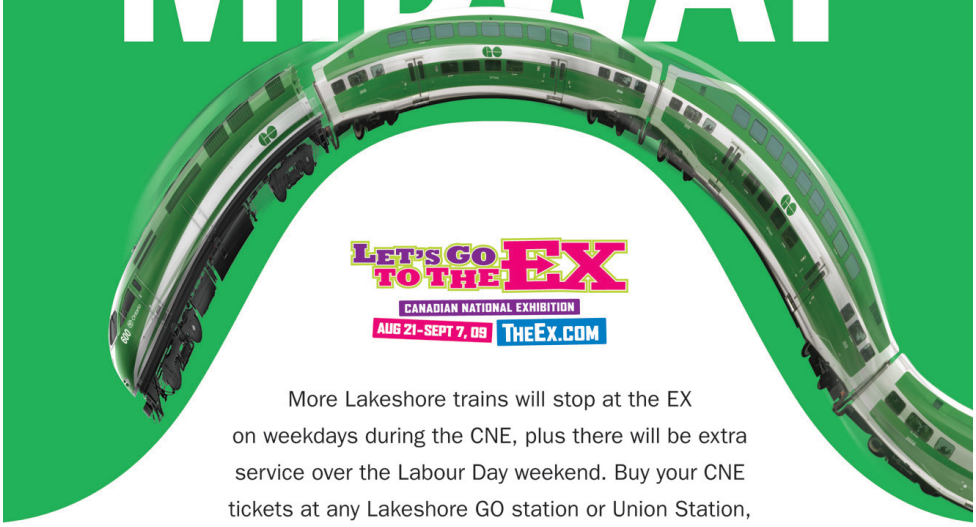

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> **"This flight showed that flying wasn't something strange."**
> Bob Winson

Six months after the Silver Dart made Canada's first flight out of Baddeck, N.S. — 100 years ago today — American pilot Charles Willard helped Toronto leap into the world of aviation with this brief but historic flight at the old Scarboro Beach Amusement Park, where the Beaches Boardwalk now sits. Though the plane was in the air for only about 300 feet, it marked the first flight in the region, and the first advertised air show in North American history.

"This flight showed that flying wasn't something strange that only happened in Nova Scotia," says Bob Winson, secretary-treasurer of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society. "It was actually something quite practical." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# History museum idea still alive

**SITE** The plan to build a Toronto history museum at the foot of Bathurst Street, amid the majestic silos at the water's edge, has been ditched — but the project isn't history.

"The waterfront had wonderful attributes, but because the economy changed so drastically, the project has been put on hold," Rita Davies, the city's executive director of culture, said yesterday. The city is considering other venues, including Old City Hall, she said.

The $100 million Toronto Museum Project was to lead the restoration of the former Canada Malting complex and its silos. The city owns these 1.4-hectares of prime land, but at least $40 million would have to come from private sources.

The museum was to open in 2015. Historical objects would be displayed, but ideas and interactive features would be emphasized.

Now, the city's chief corporate officer has recommended the complex be demolished and silos cut down substantially, at a cost of $8.4 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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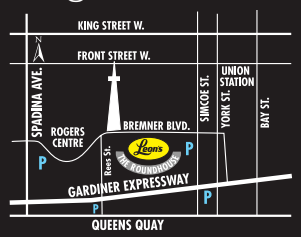


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**Man, 25, charged with child porn possession**

A 25-year-old Toronto man has been charged with possession of child pornography. Child exploitation officers executed search warrants at a St. Clair Avenue West and Dufferin Street home and at a home in the Weston and Rogers roads area yesterday. Donato Schiraldi will appear in court this morning. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Bravery medal for T.O. man

**The Governor General has announced 11 bravery awards, including two posthumous decorations to Canadians who died in futile attempts to save people from drowning.**

Roxanne Lalonde of Merrickville, Ont., and Hady Quan of Vancouver both died in separate incidents in 2007 and will receive Medals of Bravery for "acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances."

Lalonde, a naval reservist, died while trying to rescue a 15-year-old boy from the fast-flowing waters of the Rideau River in Merrickville on April 21, 2007.

Quan, 30, died Dec. 28, 2007, trying to rescue a man struggling in strong ocean currents at Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Another Medal of Bravery, to be awarded by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean at dates to be determined, will go to Michael Walker of Toronto, who disarmed and subdued an attacker who knifed a fellow passenger aboard a bus, near Madoc, Ont., on Dec. 24, 2007.

The bravery decorations were created in 1972. They recognize people who "risk their lives and choose to defy their own instinct of survival" in attempts to save those whose lives are in immediate danger.

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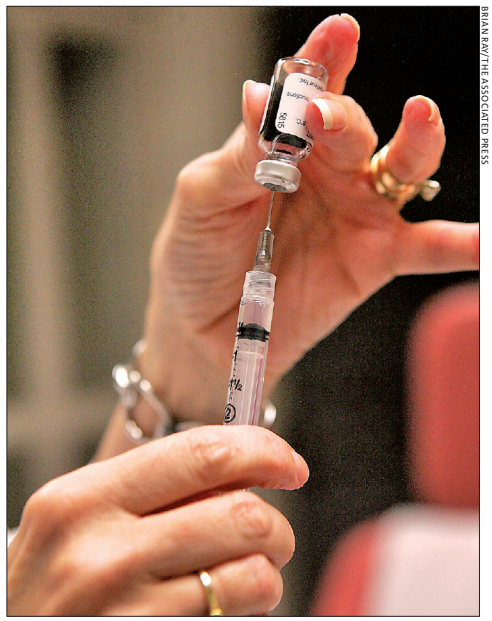
## Honour and distinction

- The awards, given after nominations by citizens, are the Cross of Valour, given for "acts of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril," the Star of Courage for "acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril," and the Medal of Bravery.



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Gretchen Cress, a registered nurse draws a dose of H1N1 flu vaccine during the start of a clinical trial Monday at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. A new poll suggests Canadians are ambivalent about getting a swine flu shot in the fall.

# Canadians iffy on H1N1 shot: Poll

HEALTH Canadians aren't clamouring en masse for swine flu vaccine, a new poll suggests.

The Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll also indicates some parents have concerns about allowing their children to have a vaccine that contains an adjuvant, a compound that boosts the impact of the vaccine and allows smaller doses to be used.

> **"I think that public health officials need to be concerned."**
> Dr. Kumanan Wilson

Only about 45 per cent of respondents intend to get pandemic vaccine when the shots become available later in the fall, the poll found. An equal percentage said they would not take the pandemic shot.

"I think the data show that there is an ambivalence in Canadians about the vaccine," said Dr. Kumanan Wilson, a scientist at the Ottawa Health Research Institute who has done a lot of research on the anti-vaccination movement.

"I think that public health officials need to be concerned about that. Simply having the vaccine isn't going to be enough to have a successful program."

Dr. David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer, could not be immediately reached for comment yesterday on the survey.

The findings are based on telephone interviews conducted between Aug. 20 and Aug. 23. Just over 1,000 Canadians were surveyed, giving the poll a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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**Alberta picks panel to fix health laws**

Alberta wants to overhaul its health laws — including redefining public care — but Health Minister Ron Liepert stresses the move is not a stalking horse to introduce more privatization. Liepert has announced a 16-member panel of politicians, advocates, academics and health leaders that has three months to review the system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Minister touts money for native clinics

**Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq, left, was in Winnipeg yesterday to tout the federal government's $135 million to improve health clinics in First Nations communities. The money was previously announced in the federal budget. The cash will go to build and renovate new nursing stations across Canada. All the 16 projects are supposed to be finished by March 2011.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Stage set for election showdown

## Ignatieff refuses to support government; NDP extends Tories an olive branch

**The country could be plunged into yet another election campaign in as little as two weeks after Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff warned Prime Minister Stephen Harper: "Your time is up."**

But no sooner did Ignatieff issue the bold statement yesterday than an unlikely ally emerged who may help the minority Conservative government stay afloat.

The NDP, which has voted consistently against the government at every opportunity thus far, now says it may prop up Harper if he's willing to work with them.

The manoeuvring began minutes after Ignatieff delivered a fiery, campaign-style speech to his caucus in Sudbury, announcing the Liberal party will no longer support the Tories in crucial confidence votes in the House of Commons.

Ignatieff said Harper has "failed all four" benchmarks set out by the Liberals last June for continuing to support the government.

"You've failed to protect the most vulnerable. You've failed to create jobs. You've failed to defend our health care. You've failed to restore our public finances."

Liberal MP Bob Rae later said the party will present a motion of non-confidence at "the first available opportunity," which comes the first week of October.

However, the Liberals may not have to wait that long. The government could introduce a ways-and-means motion — to implement some aspects of last January's budget, including the popular home renovation tax credit — as soon as Parliament resumes Sept. 14.

A spokesman for Government House Leader Jay Hill said the motion will be introduced "early in the fall sitting."

That would be an automatic confidence vote and Ignatieff's spokeswoman, Jill Fairbrother, said the Liberals would vote against it.

In Calgary, Harper warned that an election could disrupt the fragile economic recovery.

"I haven't met a single Canadian who's saying they want to see an election right now," he said.

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### Cold feet

- Many Liberal MPs aren't eager for an election this fall, having gotten cold feet over the summer as a Liberal lead in opinion polls evaporated. One MP who heard a briefing yesterday by a party pollster said the numbers for August gave the Tories a three-point lead nationally.

SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Tories take elections body to court

**POLITICS** In a seemingly bizarre political lawsuit, Stephen Harper's Conservatives are taking Elections Canada to court to force the electoral watchdog to accept a $591,000 cheque from the federal party.

If successful, the cash-flush Conservatives would both increase their election campaign spending limit and ensure their poorer Liberal opponents have to refund a similar — if not larger — six-figure sum.

The latest battle centres on GST rebates the Tories and Liberals received from the Canada Revenue Agency for the 2004 and 2006 elections. Those refunds arrived because political parties are considered non-profit organizations and thus can claim half their GST costs.

The Tories argue they received a bigger reimbursement from Elections Canada than they were entitled to.

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# Baby in brutal attack

## Woman was beating child into cement: Witness

**A young man who interrupted a brutal attack on a baby says he'll never forget the sight of the child being beaten in the street.**

Tyler Bilsborrow, 18, stepped outside his family's Winnipeg home for a smoke around 4:30 a.m. yesterday and heard "weird sounds, like screaming sounds" nearby.

Curious, he walked around a corner to see what was going on. He said he spotted a woman sitting on the pavement.

"As I was walking closer, I saw a lady there holding her baby around the neck, face down, hitting it into the cement."

Bilsborrow said the woman let go of the child and starting running when he approached. He looked down to find the seriously injured child.

> **"(The baby) could barely open its eyes. From head to toe, just covered in blood."**
> Tyler Bilsborrow, witness

The baby looked less than a year old, but he couldn't tell if it was a boy or a girl.

"It was completely covered in blood. It looked pretty bad. The nose looked like it was broken, all swollen. (The baby) could barely open its eyes. From head to toe, just covered in blood."

The child was wearing only a T-shirt and a diaper, he said.

Bilsborrow wrapped the baby in his sweater to keep it warm and called police for help.

Winnipeg police were tight-lipped about the investigation and would not confirm reports that a woman was in custody. Police would only say in a news release that officers were called to the area about 4:30 a.m. yesterday regarding a serious assault.

The child was taken to hospital in critical condition and was in guarded condition later in the morning, police said.

The child abuse unit is investigating. Police wouldn't identify the gender of the child. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**QUEBEC** Of Canada's most populous provinces, Quebec is emerging in better shape from the global recession, says a new report by the TD Bank Financial Group. The bank says Quebec still faces serious long-term challenges — like an aging workforce and large public debt — but should find reason for optimism. While the rest of Canada posted zero growth in the second quarter of 2008, the report says, Quebec's economy rose at an annual rate of two per cent. Employment fell 1.8 per cent in Quebec since last October, compared with a 2.6 per cent plunge in the rest of Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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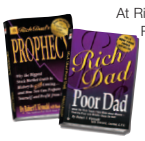


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**Woman allegedly found with nearly 16 kilos of khat**

A 27-year-old woman from the Netherlands appeared in a Nova Scotia court yesterday on drug trafficking charges. RCMP say the Canada Border Services agency arrested a woman at Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Sunday after discovering 15.7 kilograms of khat. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Docs help kids avoid scars

## Technique to remove facial tumours introduced to Canada

**In what surgeons believe could be a Canadian medical first, a toddler had a tumour removed from his face using a procedure that allows him to avoid living the rest of his life with an unsightly scar.**

Doctors say the burgeoning endoscopic technique employed on the cherub-cheeked Montreal baby could drastically change the way tumours are removed and leave little scarring.

Doctors and surgeons at Montreal Children's Hospital said 18-month-old Jayden Cambridge had a blueberry-sized tumour removed last week — with excellent results.

Dr. Sherif Emil, director of pediatric general surgery at the hospital, proposed the procedure for Jayden to avoid the prospect of an inch-long scar across his forehead and deep discoloration in his cinnamon skin.

"In the back of my mind it was a procedure looking for a patient," said Emil, who had seen the endoscopic technique performed in the United States.

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Eighteen-month-old Jayden Cambridge poses for a photo with his mother, Tanya Comeau, yesterday in Montreal. Jayden had a tumour removed from his forehead using a new procedure.

"In this child, there was no way to make an incision that would not be obvious, so he was the perfect candidate for it," Emil said.

Emil found that Jayden had a congenital tumour believed to be a dermoid cyst — a benign tumour, but one that has to be removed nonetheless because of the risk of rupture as the child grows older.

Surgeons entered through the baby's scalp, just above his hairline, to fell the tumour located in the middle of his forehead.

The tumour proved difficult to find as doctors began probing with the camera. It had become encased in bone. But once found, it was plucked out easily.

Emil said that, until now, most surgeons would have achieved the feat by cutting through the skin and muscle above the tumour. Jayden's surgery proves there are better options, he said.

"I didn't want to take a chance Jayden would go through the rest of his life with a mark on his face," Emil said.

Dr. Nabil Fanous, a plastic surgeon and associate professor of facial plastic surgery and head and neck surgery at McGill University and Universite de Sherbrooke, said the procedure is fairly common on adults, but not for tumour removal.

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# South Africa says refugee ruling racist

**TRIBUNAL** South Africa's ruling party says a Canadian immigration tribunal decision giving refugee status to a white South African is a racist move.

Published reports say Canada's immigration and refugee board granted status last week to Brandon Huntley after he claimed he would be persecuted at home because of his colour — and that the South African government could not protect him.

In a statement, the congress called Huntley's claims of being attacked seven times because of his colour "sensational and alarming."

"Canada's reasoning for granting Huntley a refugee status can only serve to perpetuate racism."

Canadian board spokesman Stephane Malepart said he is barred from commenting on any individual case by privacy provisions.

News reports, however, said the board allowed Huntley to stay in Canada because he presented "clear and convincing proof of the state's inability or unwillingness to protect him."

The congress statement said the South African government is dedicated to fighting crime.

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## News in brief

**MURDERS** Police in Abbotsford, B.C., a city that earlier this year was crowned Canada's murder capital, are investigating their third homicide in less than a week. In a July report, Statistics Canada said the Abbotsford-Mission area had the highest homicide rate in Canada in 2008, with 4.7 murders per 100,000 residents.

**RELEASED** A former top Newfoundland and Labrador cabinet minister who was convicted earlier this year in the province's spending scandal has been released from jail. Ed Byrne was released a week and a half ago after serving one-sixth of his two-year sentence, the St. John's Telegram reported yesterday.

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**Saskatchewan eyes cellphones ban in vehicles**
Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says the province will introduce legislation this fall that would ban the use of hand-held electronic devices to text or talk while operating a vehicle. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ex-KGB agent Mikhail Lennikov, who has been in sanctuary in a Vancouver church since June to avoid deportation, says the government is not turning over documents he requested from the RCMP, Canada Border Services and CSIS, which contain personal information he says would prove he is not a security threat.

# Ex-KGB agent fighting to bolster case

## Accuses Ottawa of dragging heels over release of vindicating papers

**A former KGB agent fighting deportation and his chief supporter are accusing the federal government of dragging its feet in releasing documents they claim will prove he's not a national security threat.**

Mikhail Lennikov, who's been living in sanctuary in a Vancouver church since June, submitted a request three months ago under the Privacy Act for his personal files from the RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. But NDP MP Peter Julian, who's helping his constituent, says the government missed the 30-day deadline to hand over the documents.

The RCMP recently released a heavily-censored 59-page file but border services and CSIS have invoked deadline extensions under the law.

Julian and Lennikov contend it's because there's no real evidence to back their claim Lennikov's stint in the notorious Soviet spy service makes him a danger to Canada.

"I think it's fair to say given the publicity around this case and given the broad level of public support that the Lennikov family has received, that if the government had anything of substance they would have chosen to get that information out there to try to change public opinion," Julian told reporters at a news conference inside First Lutheran Church in east Vancouver.

Julian said he has applied to Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart to appeal the RCMP's limited disclosures — consisting mostly of a car-accident report and a record of a complaint Lennikov himself filed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Juice fights diabetes, study finds

**HEALTH** A Canadian study has found that enhanced blueberry juice helped manage, and even prevent, obesity and diabetes in mice — a finding researchers are hoping will lead to similar results in humans.

Researchers at the University of Montreal said they've discovered that blueberry juice transformed by a bacteria found on the skin of the fruit halted the progression of the two conditions in mice. Pierre Haddad, a pharmacology professor at the university, said the bacteria quadrupled the amount of antioxidants in the juice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# B.C. expecting $2.8B deficit

JEFF HODSON
Metro Canada

**Highlights**

- B.C. will spend $151 million to implement full-day kindergarten beginning next fall, with full implementation by 2011.
- The basic personal income tax credit will be increased to $11,000, up 17 per cent from $9,373.

**POLITICS** Plunging tax and resource revenues compounded with the most expensive fire season in history will result in a $2.8 billion provincial deficit in 2009, B.C. Finance Minister Colin Hansen forecast in Victoria.

In February, B.C. predicted deficits of $495 million for 2009 and $245 million for 2010 and the ruling Liberals ran with those numbers through the spring's provincial election.

"This budget is all about protecting vital services and laying the foundation for economic recovery," said Hansen, as he forecast consecutive deficits of $2.8 billion, $1.7 billion, $945 million and $140 million, returning to balanced books by 2013-2014.

"This is a very tight budget," he said. "It is belt tightening not just for one year, but over the entire three years of the plan."

He blamed the deficit on a $2-billion drop-off in expected revenues.

## Shellfish ban irks P.E.I. minister

**INDUSTRY** An order to stop the harvesting of some types of shellfish in the Maritimes isn't sitting well with Prince Edward Island's fisheries minister.

Neil LeClair says it's unacceptable that the federal government imposed the ban without consulting the provinces and the shellfish industry.

Federal fisheries officials put the ban in effect Monday because of concerns over increased bacterial levels. THE CANDIAN PRESS

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**Fiji suspended from Commonwealth**

The 53-nation Commonwealth says it has suspended Fiji after the South Pacific island nation failed to respond to a demand to begin restoring democracy. The Commonwealth had demanded that Fiji resume a dialogue with opposition groups and hold early elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Taiwan facing fallout from visit?

**A Taiwanese party spokeswoman says China has cancelled or postponed several visits and exchanges with Taiwan, likely to show its anger over the Dalai Lama's visit to the island. Chen Shu-rong of the ruling Nationalist Party says cancelled events include a visit by senior Shanghai Communist Party official Yang Xiaodu. Chen declined yesterday to comment on news reports that the party sent an emissary to China last week to seek its understanding on the Dalai Lama's visit.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Assassination attempt takes bizarre turn

**SAUDI ARABIA** The wanted Saudi militant who attacked the kingdom's anti-terror chief after pretending he wanted to surrender blew himself up while the official was on the phone reassuring another terrorist in Yemen it would be safe to return home, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

The events that led up to Thursday's attack began when Saudi militant Abdullah Hassan Tali Assiri, got in touch with authorities, saying he wanted to turn himself in to Prince Mohammed bin Nayef. The prince agreed to see Assiri and received him at his home during a gathering to celebrate Ramadan, a statement said.

**Al-Qaida**

- A Yemen-based al-Qaida cell has claimed responsibility for the attack, identifying Assiri as the bomber.

During the meeting, Assiri, who was on the country's most wanted list, told Mohammed that other Saudi militants who had fled to Yemen following the kingdom's fierce anti-terror campaign wanted to surrender too but were seeking safe passage. The statement said contact was made with one of the men in Yemen while Assiri was in the same room as the prince.

"The explosion occurred during the phone call," said the statement. "It led to the death of the wanted man."

Saudi TV showed bits of human flesh, an arm and part of a torso of a man at the scene of the explosion. The prince was only slightly injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Two-thirds of Americans overweight

## Report calls on local governments to help build healthier communities

**Where you live matters when it comes to children's waistlines, says a report that finds lots of options localities could and should use to fight child obesity — from easy bike paths, to luring healthier stores, to taxes on junk food.**

The report by the U.S. Institute of Medicine says local environments hugely influence those choices — and it calls on city and county governments to make it easier for families to make healthier decisions.

"In some communities, actually doing the healthy thing is not as easy as it might be in other places," said Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, who chaired the institute's report.

Two-thirds of Americans are either overweight or obese, and childhood obesity has tripled in the past three decades.

Yesterday's report was sparked because a local government official asked an institute scientist what practical steps communities can take to do that. The report offers a menu of suggestions and highlights how some communities are making them work. Among them:

**18%**

Percentage of U.S. adolescents who are obese

- Require chain restaurants to post calorie counts. New York City is among a handful of cities that have begun this.
- Use tax credits and other incentives to attract supermarkets to underserved neighbourhoods; offer grants to small stores to help them stock healthier items, and create community shuttle services or special bus routes to help residents reach supermarkets.
- Build and maintain sidewalks, bike paths, playgrounds and parks to allow safe and comfortable outdoor activity. Use community policing to improve security in high-crime areas so that families will get outdoors, and work with education departments to create programs that allow children to walk or bike to school safely.

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# Fire still threatening thousands of homes

**CALIFORNIA** Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers across a huge swath of Southern California forest yesterday to try to contain a 492-square-kilometre wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more.

The commander of the vast firefighting operation expressed a positive outlook for the first time in the week since the blaze erupted in the Angeles National Forest north of Los Angeles and grew into a giant.

"I'm feeling a lot more optimistic today than I did yesterday and the crews are doing fabulous work out there on the grounds but the bottom line is that they're fighting for every foot," said Mike Dietrich of the U.S. Forest Service.

Some 3,600 firefighters were working across an 80-kilometre span to battle the blaze.

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Firefighter Sterling Rel watches a fire line in Glendale, Calif., yesterday.

"There's action everywhere," California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said as a thundering helicopter interrupted his news conference at the scene of two other wildfires burning in the inland region east of Los Angeles. The blaze threatened some 12,000 homes but had already done its worst to the suburban Tujunga Canyon neighbourhood, where residents returned to their wrecked homes.

Authorities said five men and one woman refused to evacuate a remote ranch in a canyon near Gold Creek.

"When we tried to get them out, they said they're fine, no problem, they didn't want to leave," said fire spokesman Larry Marinas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## News in brief

**GAZA** A Hamas spiritual leader on Monday called teaching Palestinian children about the Nazi murder of six million Jews a "war crime," rejecting a suggestion that the UN might include the Holocaust in Gaza's school curriculum. A senior Israeli official said such statements should make the West think twice about ending its boycott of Hamas, in place since the group seized Gaza by force in 2007. Hamas spiritual leader Younis al-Astal lashed out after hearing that the UN Relief and Works Agency, the main body aiding Palestinian refugees, planned to introduce lessons about the Holocaust to Gaza students.

**MEXICO** Hurricane Jimena has weakened to a Category 3 hurricane as it threatens vacation resorts on Mexico's Baja California peninsula. Maximum sustained winds had dropped to around 205 km/h. The centre of the storm was forecast to be over the peninsula by early today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Georgia massacre victims ID'd**
Police yesterday identified the eight people murdered over the weekend in a mobile home in Brunswick, Ga. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Afghan convoys told to follow road rules

**One of the most intimidating sights on the highways of Afghanistan has been the military convoy — a heavily armed and armoured line of war machines that transport NATO soldiers and supplies to remote outposts.**

These behemoths often travel at high speed and usually down the centre of the road. Pedestrians, motorcycles, cars and trucks are forced to do the equivalent of diving for cover into the ditch. As a matter of fact, anyone who is seen to be a potential threat has occasionally had a warning shot or two fired over their heads.

But that is about to change.

In order to attain the goal of "winning the hearts and minds of Afghans," Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, is now requiring all personnel to adhere to appropriate legal driving procedures and behaviour in Afghanistan.

> **"It's a threat but you can't allow yourself to treat everybody as a potential enemy."**
> Maj. Mario Couture

Similar traffic rules were put in place for Canadian soldiers in Kandahar in April by the commander of Task Force Kandahar, Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance.

"Why? He felt corrective measures needed to be applied — that there was no reason to drive aggressively all the time and that we needed to be reassuring to the Afghan population and show them we were a respectful military operation," explained Maj. Mario Couture, senior public affairs officer for Task Force Kandahar.

But directing a convoy of military vehicles through busy streets congested with traffic, donkey carts, bicycles and cars and potential assailants isn't easy at the best of times.

With NATO soldiers dying as a result of vehicle-borne and roadside improvised explosive devices, the change isn't without its challenges.

"It is very difficult. It's a challenge for everybody especially in the context that there has been so many suicide-borne vehicle IEDs," acknowledged Couture.

"It's a threat but you can't allow yourself to treat everybody as a potential enemy so you have to learn, you have to behave, you have to discriminate," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Madoff's beachfront cottage on block

**AUCTION** Those who see Bernard Madoff as the personification of greed and excess might be disappointed by his beach house: It's not that palatial.

At 3,014 square feet, the home is cottage-size by super-rich standards. Its furnishings look as old as Madoff's decades-long fraud scheme.

There's no garage. Not even a walk-in closet.

The U.S. Marshals Service, which seized the Long Island property on July 1, will put it on the market this week as part of an ongoing effort to pay back burned investors.

In estimates that federal regulators filed last year, Madoff valued the Montauk beach house, which he bought in 1979, at $3 million (all figures US).

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A view of the pool and porch of Bernard Madoff's beach house in Montauk, N.Y. A trustee is liquidating Madoff's assets.

Federal authorities believe the seaside property could bring closer to $8 million. Whether Madoff's notoriety hurts or helps remains to be seen.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Roland Ubaldo said furniture and any other personal belongings found inside will be sold at auction — "from pieces of art to Ruth Madoff's shoes." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Pied Piper's next mission? Alberta

TheWestView

For some reason, Alberta has long claimed to be rat-free. In fact, when Albertans sing O Canada at hockey games, they sing: "The True North Strong and Rat-Free."

Well, I made that up. But they could.

At least until recently, when the rat firewall between Alberta and the rest of the world has shown signs of breaking down.

All right, stop laughing. Alberta takes its rat-free status very seriously. It claims to be one of the three places in the world, the other two being the Arctic and Antarctica, that are rat-free. The province budgets $500,000 per year to clean up any residual rats. Did you know (according to Wikipedia) only licensed rat facilities, such as zoos and research establishments are allowed to own rats, and possession of an unlicensed rat (including pets) is punishable by a $5,000 fine or 60 days in jail?

Is that a rat-tail in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?

But now rats are turning up all over the place. They could be sneaking over the border from Swift Current; they have been spotted in Calgary, Taber, Newell County, Airdrie and Springbank. A high-level rat inspector has been dispatched to Calgary to ascertain if this here's an official infestation.

Here in Vancouver, it's tough to see what the fuss is all about. We've got rats, millions of them. A rat sneaks across the power line in my otherwise pristine (I'll have you know) backyard every 15 minutes. Rats own the alleys. They elect representatives to city council. (Oh, sorry, those are metaphorical rats. The Norway or sewer rat (*rattus norvegicus*) has yet to acquire the vote. But it can't be long.)

This is a port city, and trying to rid a port city of rats is a little bit like trying to rid a port city of drugs, prostitution, human trafficking, etc. But in Alberta, they're a little prone to magical, aggrandized thinking. Alberta, after all, is a hotbed of fundamentalist creationists, one of whom happens to be our prime minister, and for anyone who really believes the world is 6,000 years old, it's only a short step to believing there ain't no rats.

Rats are, in fact, pests. They eat crops, spread disease and chew stuff, so it makes sense to try to control them, and Alberta has, for the most part, been successful. But why set yourself up as rat-free, thereby setting yourself up for failure? No human device has ever been completely successful — only Arctic and Antarctic frosts do the trick. Whatever else they are, rats aren't stupid. Not only that, they're prolific. Apparently, one motivated pair of fertile rats can lead to 15,000 descendents in a year.

We better hope they don't get the vote. If you think there are too many rats elected to high office now, wait until they can vote for themselves …

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## Word on the street: Do you think we should leave the Senate as is, elect our senators, or abolish the Senate?

**Matt Simpson**, age 32, Toronto
A: I think that it should be an elected process, the same as the House of Commons.

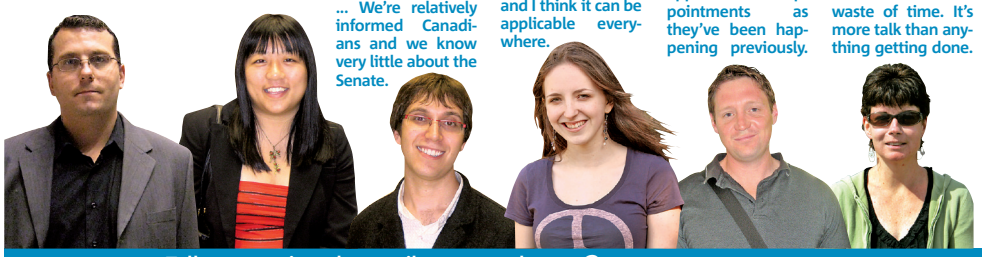
**Tiffanie Ing**, age 26, Toronto
A: I think it should be an elected-official system ... What's the point? Why not abolish it?

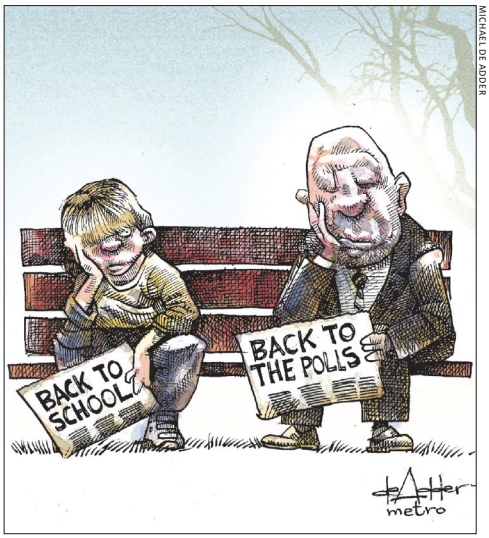
**Evan Schiller**, age 28, Toronto
A: I think if we keep it, it should be elected. It's almost as if they're just there as a resource ... We're relatively informed Canadians and we know very little about the Senate.

**Sarah Thuswaldner**, age 18, Ottawa
A: An elected senate would make a little more sense. That's the way democracy works and I think it can be applicable everywhere.

**Cory Jackson**, age n/a, Calgary
A: I would lean towards having an elected Senate as apposed to the appointments as they've been happening previously.

**Heather Cochrane**, age 46, Windsor, N.S.
A: I think they should abolish the Senate. I think most of the time it's a waste of time. It's more talk than anything getting done.



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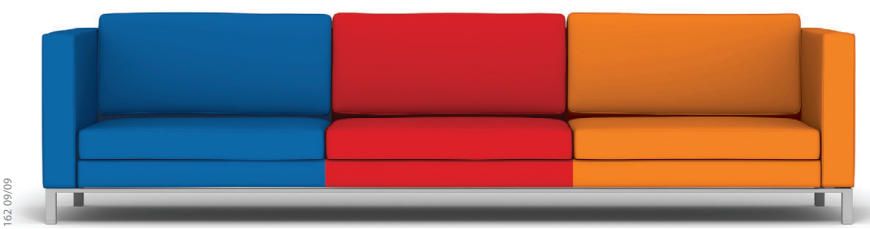

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Ottawa has provided nearly one-third of the funding for a $218-million high-tech project near Montreal. Public Works Minister Christian Paradis said the feds will pump $83 million into the new microelectronics facility. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Business

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# GM overtakes Ford for top Canada spot

**August was a month of extremes for vehicle sales in Canada, with some major automakers posting double-digit losses and others double-digit gains.**

Data from DesRosiers Automotive Consultants shows overall vehicle sales in Canada were down 7.9 per cent in August to 135,351 compared to 146,978 a year earlier.

Ford Canada had a tentative grip on top market share for two months in a row, but was edged out of that spot by General Motors Canada in August.

GM's Canadian sales declined by 27.5 per cent year over year to 23,018, but the automaker still managed to grab the largest portion of the market at 17.6 per cent. Following GM in market share were Ford, Toyota, Chrysler and Honda. South Korean automaker Hyundai came in a close fifth after seeing its sales jump 38.4 per cent to 10,418, after it announced it would give consumers $500 to $1,000 in savings as an incentive to scrap old cars for new Hyundais.

"Once again we see a Big Six rather than a Big Three emerging in the market in Canada with the Detroit one, the government two, the Japanese two and the new kid on the block from Korea," auto analyst Dennis DesRosiers said.

Ford's sales were up seven per cent to 22,166 units — its third consecutive month of gains — and it captured 15.7 per cent of the Canadian auto market.

The automaker has been focusing its marketing on smaller, more fuel-efficient cars. The shift in focus seems to be paying off, with car sales up 17 per cent year over year.

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### Cash for clunkers

- In the United States, the Cash for Clunkers program, which ended last week, drew hordes of buyers into quiet showrooms at Ford, Toyota and Honda in August by offering up to $4,500 US toward new, more fuel-efficient cars and trucks.
- The rebates spurred 690,114 new sales at a taxpayer cost of $2.88 billion.

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A worker assembles an engine for a 2010 Ford Escape at Ford's Kansas City plant in Claycomo, Mo., last week.

## U.S. factories humming again

**ECONOMY** The U.S. manufacturing sector grew in August for the first time in 19 months, adding to evidence the recession is ending.

The better-than-expected reading yesterday by the Institute for Supply Management showed the highest number for its manufacturing index since June 2007. New customer orders jumped nearly 10 percentage points to 64.9 — a level not seen since late 2004.

And in another sign of an improving economy, a gauge of future U.S. home sales rose more than expected in July to the highest point in two years.

Consumers also bought more cars last month, due mainly to the popular Cash for Clunkers program.

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## Business in brief

**BIOVAIL** Disappointing results from a clinical trial for a drug aimed at patients with Parkinsons's disease psychosis sent shares of Biovail Corp. and its American development partner lower yesterday. The drug, pimavanserin, is intended to treat the visual hallucinations and delusions experienced by about 40 per cent of the people with Parkinson's disease. Biovail said a Phase 3 trial conducted by its partner, Acadia Pharmaceutical Inc. of San Diego, Calif., didn't find patients who were given pimavanserin did significantly better than patients who didn't get the drug.

**SOFTWARE** Constellation Software Inc., a Toronto-based corporate software producer, has struck an asset purchase agreement to acquire the Public Transit Solutions business of Continental Automotive AG. The business is a global software provider for public urban passenger transport.

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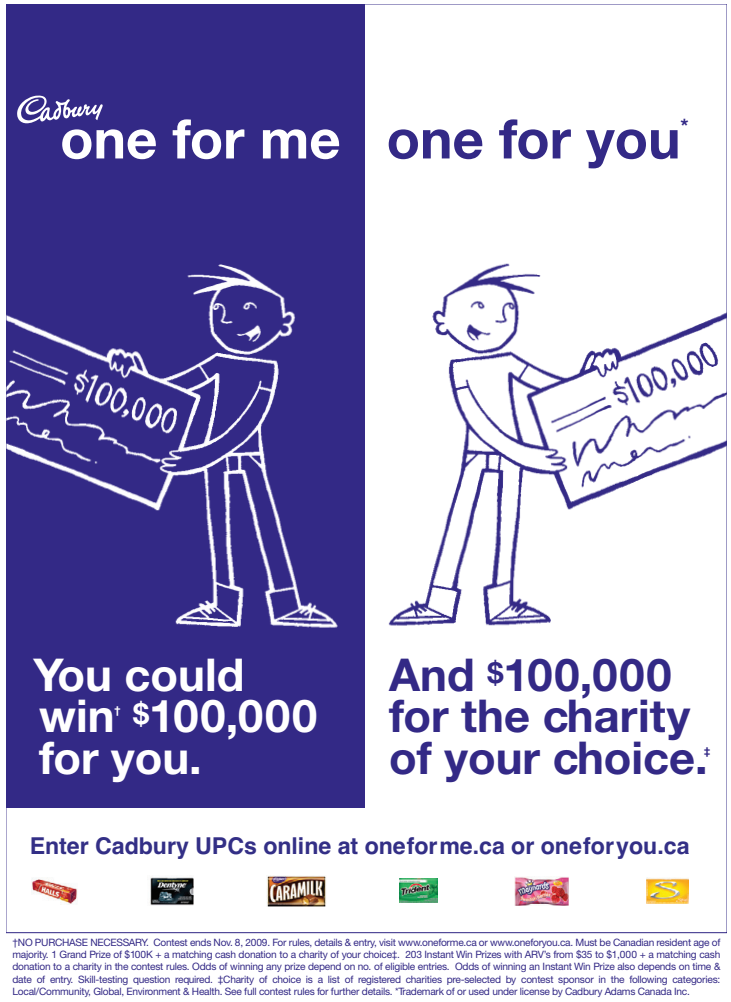


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**Aecon gets border crossing plaza contract**
Toronto-based Aecon Group has won a $52-million contract for redevelopment of the Queenston-Lewiston border plaza in Niagara Falls. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# EBay trades Skype

## Selling 65% of business for nearly $2 billion

**EBay Inc. is trading control of the online telecommunications service Skype for about $2 billion (all funds US) in a deal that involves a group of private funds, including the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board.**

The company famous for its online marketplace said yesterday it is selling a 65 per cent stake in the business to the funds for $1.9 billion in cash and a $125-million note, while retaining a 35 per cent stake.

Reports yesterday said the CPP Investment Board would contribute $300 million to the deal for a 15 per cent stake in Skype.

EBay said the deal, which reverses a 2005 acquisition that many analysts considered a head scratcher from the beginning, values the telecom services company at $2.75 billion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Trend**

- CPP's stake in the Skype deal reflects a trend in the Canadian pension sector as funds, including the Ontario Teachers and OMERS plans, seek more stable non-stock market investments in infrastructure and sectors that can generate high returns.

## Game on **Eye on the holidays**

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A video game looks over Rock Band 2 bundles in Los Angeles, Calif., last week. The Beatles: Rock Band and Guitar Hero 5 are among the first of the slate of big game franchises — combined with console price cuts — that game makers hope will re-ignite industry sales in time for the lucrative holiday season.

## Oui, Starbucks to take control

**FRANCE** Starbucks Coffee Co. said yesterday it is taking full control of its French operations and turning it into a company-run business. Seattle-based Starbucks has more than 50 locations in France.

The move comes as the coffee chain scales back the number of its U.S. stores and continues to trim costs to deal with the recession's sales drain.

Starbucks said last month that it plans to close 800 of its U.S. stores by Sept. 27 — the end of its fiscal year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Lakeside chief makes pledge on steel plants

**RESTART** The CEO of Lakeside Steel Inc. says the junior steel producer would restart all of U.S. Steel's Canadian operations if it owned them — a notion that came one step closer to reality this week.

The company was granted intervener status Monday in a court case involving promises made by U.S. Steel Corp. to Ottawa when it bought Hamilton-based Stelco in 2006.

If U.S. Steel is found to have neglected employment and production promises it made, Lakeside's Vic Alboini said yesterday that Lakeside will argue that Stelco should be put up for sale once again. If Lakeside were the successful bidder, it would restart facilities in Hamilton and Nanticoke, Ont., and bring back as many employees as possible, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS


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**Leg amputated after lightning strike**

The family of FC Nordsjaelland defender Jonathan Richter says the player has had the lower part of his left leg amputated, six weeks after he was struck by lightning during a reserve game. Richter's condition is improving, his family said in a statement posted yesterday on the club's website. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

## NFL feeling the pinch

**Avoiding local television blackouts will be a challenge as the NFL approaches its first full season in the economic downturn, commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday. Goodell said Jacksonville, one of the smallest markets in the league, is "one of the markets where we're seeing some challenges." The Jaguars' season-ticket base dropped to about 25,000 from 42,000 this season.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Boxing legend Ali traces roots to Irish town

**JOURNEY** Boxing legend Muhammad Ali made a sentimental journey to discover his Irish roots yesterday, and met distant relatives during celebrations at the local town hall and a nearby castle.

Thousands lined the streets of Ennis, western Ireland, to cheer the motorcade carrying Ali as the three-time world heavyweight champion visited the home of his great-grandfather Abe Grady.

Fans adorned streets with red, white and blue USA bunting and flags, while shop windows competed to display the most impressive posters honouring Ali — including one tongue-in-cheek portrait of him appearing ready to knock out an unpopular Irish politician.

Muhammad Ali

Ali, who is 67 and battling Parkinson's disease, offered a few playful jabs to cameras, but made no public comments and steered clear of throngs of autograph-seekers, among them hundreds of kids whose schools closed early for the event. Police blocked off roads and kept crowds in line with railings.

Grady settled in Kentucky in the 1860s and married a freed slave. One of their grandchildren, Odessa Lee Grady Clay, gave birth to Ali — then Cassius Clay — in 1942.

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# Safina survives Open scare

## World No. 1 overcomes mistake-prone play to advance to second round

**Dinara Safina overcame a long, mistake-filled display of tennis yesterday to barely avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open.**

She defeated 167th-ranked Olivia Rogowska of Australia 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4 in a match that included 113 unforced errors, 24 double-faults and 15 service breaks over two hours 35 minutes.

"I didn't break any rackets and didn't get any warnings," Safina said, when asked if there were any silver linings. "That's already positive."

She overcame a 3-0 deficit in the third set to avoid becoming the first top-seeded player to be ousted in the first round of any Grand Slam since Martina Hingis lost 6-4, 6-2 to Virginia Ruano Pascual at Wimbledon in 2001.

Safina served out her final game at love, forcing errors on Rogowska's ground strokes during one of the Russian's few sustained runs of consistency.

Safina's coach, Zeljko Krajan, was clearly having trouble watching it — slumping, scowling and shaking his head from his lonely seat in the stands.

Safina moves on, but all the questions about her worthiness as the world's No. 1 player will almost certainly gather steam.

No. 2 Serena Williams has won the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year. Safina doesn't yet have a career Grand Slam victory, getting blown out in all three finals she's been in.

"In the French Open, I won all the matches 6-love, 6-1. Did it help? Not really," she said. "It happens like this. You pull out the match somehow."

It was the second big scare over the first two days on the U.S. Open show court. On Monday night, third-seeded Venus Williams overcame a balky knee and some shaky play for a 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-3 win over Russia's Vera Dushevina.

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Stephanie Dubois, of Laval, Que., celebrates yesterday after her 6-0, 6-4 win over Kristina Mladenovic of France during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York.

### A first for Dubois

**Nestor advances in doubles**

• Canadian Stephanie Dubois has the first Grand Slam victory of her career.

The native of Laval, Que., defeated French teen Kristina Mladenovic 6-0, 6-4 in the first round of the U.S. Open yesterday.

"I'm really happy to have finally won a match at a Grand Slam," Dubois said. "I'm pleased with how I played and it would really be great to carry this further. I played aggressive and didn't let her dominate."

In men's doubles, Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Germans Andreas Beck and Simon Greul 6-3, 7-5.

Dubois, ranked 113th in the world, took advantage of Mladenovic's nine double-faults.

The 16-year-old Mladenovic, a wild-card entry ranked 291st in the world, was a junior finalist at Wimbledon in July.

Dubois swept the first set in just 20 minutes, but Mladenovic showed some life in the second, fighting back to 4-5 after the Canadian had taken a 4-1 lead.

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** The Buffalo Bills have waived six players and signed a free-agent tight end. The team yesterday waived offensive lineman Chris Denman, linebacker Solomon Elimimian and receiver Shaine Smith. Tight end Travis McCall, defensive back Lydell Sargeant and defensive tackle Marcus Smith were placed on the waived/injured list. The team signed tight end Tyson DeVree, who played in two games with New England last season.

**NFL** The Kansas City Chiefs released Amani Toomer yesterday, ending the veteran receiver's short-lived stint with the team. Toomer signed with Kansas City on Aug. 4 after spending his first 13 seasons with the New York Giants.

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**No conspiracy here: Birmingham boss**
Birmingham co-owner David Gold has shrugged off suggestions by the head of Croatia's football federation that the Premier League club deliberately injured Croatian players to help England qualify for soccer's World Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Canadians win silver at mountain biking worlds

**CYCLING** Canada won silver yesterday in the Team Relay, the opening event at the UCI World Mountain Bike and Trials World Championships.

Italy won the event in one hour 14 minutes two seconds, six seconds ahead of the Canadians and eight in front of France.

Team Relay consists of teams of four riders, each contesting one 6.47-kilometre lap of the cross-country course. Each team has one rider from four different categories: Elite men, elite women, under-23 men and junior men.

Under-23 rider Raphael Gagne of Lac-Beauport, Que., was the first Canadian rider, finishing 12th on his lap and handing off to Victoria's Geoff Kabush, who moved Canada up to third. Kabush handed off to junior Evan Guthrie of Peachland, B.C., for the third lap, and Guthrie was able to move Canada to within seven seconds of the lead when he passed off to Catharine Pendrel of Kamloops, B.C., for the final lap.

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## Sports in brief

**CRASH** Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone is worried that Renault may pull out of the sport following allegations the team ordered a crash to help secure victory. F1's governing body is investigating "alleged incidents" believed to be a crash by Nelson Piquet Jr. that allowed teammate Alonso to win last year's Singapore Grand Prix.

**CFL** The B.C. Lions have apologized to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and fined themselves for making an offensive gesture towards the Winnipeg bench prior to the start of a CFL game last month.

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Texas's Nelson Cruz reaches third safely as Toronto third baseman John McDonald is unable to grab the throw from shortstop Marco Scutaro yesterday during the first half of a doubleheader in Arlington, Texas. Scutaro was given a throwing error on the play. The Rangers took the first game 5-2. For a recap of the second game, visit metronews.ca/sports

# Phenom stumps Blue Jays

## Rangers Neftali Feliz continues impressive rookie campaign

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**Aaron Hill fell to the ground in the batter's box, his eyes wide after a 97 m.p.h. fastball whizzed by his head. What was really unfair was the pitch Rangers rookie Neftali Feliz threw next.**

Feliz snapped off a 79 m.p.h. breaking ball, freezing Hill for a called third strike and capping his latest impressive appearance in Texas' 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in the first game of a doubleheader yesterday.

After Dustin Nippert (5-2) allowed two runs over six innings, Feliz struck out four in two perfect innings. Three of the punchouts were called third strikes with off-speed pitches.

"It's unbelievable. I was sitting on the training room table watching it," Nippert said. "It's unreal, his stuff. I've never seen anything like it. It's a lot of fun to watch."

Unless you're trying to hit against him.

"He's real good. Very impressive," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said.

Feliz has 26 strikeouts and one walk in 11 appearances spanning 19⅔ innings since being promoted to the majors Aug. 2. The 21-year-old right-hander had a major league-best 0.51 earned-run average in August before lowering his career mark to 0.46 on the first day of September.

"As long as he's throwing that secondary stuff over the plate, they just can't sit on (the fastball)," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Frank Francisco worked the ninth for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Toronto starter Marc Rzepczynski struck out a career-high nine in six innings, but also allowed eight hits.

"I pitched OK. It wasn't great at times. They hit a couple balls through holes," Rzepczynski said. "I struggled a little bit the first few innings to find my command."

Adam Lind homered and scored both Toronto runs. That came a day after Lind hit two homers and had a career-high eight RBIs in an 18-10 victory in the series opener.

Lind's solo homer in the sixth, his 28th, pulled Toronto to 3-2.

The other Blue Jays run came in the fourth at the start of a sequence in which all-star third baseman Young was involved in three consecutive plays, with varied results.

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### Jays call up three from Las Vegas

- The Blue Jays recalled infielder Joe Inglett and right-handed relievers Dirk Hayhurst and Brian Wolfe from triple-A Las Vegas on Tuesday as major league rosters expanded.

Inglett has appeared in 29 games this season, his third with Toronto, batting .246 with no homers and four RBIs.

Hayhurst has no record and a 1.72 ERA in 12 appearances for Toronto. Hayhurst is in his second major league season, having pitched for San Diego last year.

Wolfe is 1-1 with a 7.56 ERA in seven games. This is Wolfe's third major league season, all with Toronto.

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## Court to rule on Balsillie's quest today

**COYOTES** A decision by a U.S. bankruptcy judge in the blazing Arizona heat could allow Jim Balsillie to continue his pursuit of putting an NHL team in Hamilton, or test the cold resolve of the Canadian billionaire to fight the league in court.

If Judge Redfield T. Baum decides during a bankruptcy court hearing today to ignore an overwhelming vote by NHL owners rejecting Balsillie's bid to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes, it opens the door for him to participate in a Sept. 10 auction for the franchise.

But if Baum upholds the NHL's vote, Balsillie will have to decide if he has the will and deep pockets to battle the league in an antitrust suit.

"It is certainly still open to him to bring such a lawsuit," said Penn State Prof. Stephen Ross, a sports law and antitrust scholar.

Such litigation might take four years and cost more than $10 million US, Ross estimated. By then, the Coyotes could have a new owner and may not even be playing in Phoenix.

"Depending on who is owning the team and where they are, the remedy may be different," he said. "A court could conceivably order the NHL to add another team (in Ontario) or give him the right to buy another team or may just award him money damages.

"But certainly, even if he loses in the bankruptcy court, he still has a viable antitrust claim under either Canadian law or American law."

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**Seattle Mariners legend hurting**
Ken Griffey Jr. had an MRI yesterday on his surgically repaired knee. He hasn't played since Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Ghosts chase Pacman to CFL

## Sources say troubled star signs with Winnipeg

**Another controversial NFL star is looking to kick-start his football career in Canada.**

Cornerback Adam (Pacman) Jones has agreed to a one-year deal with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, according to a CFL source, a move he hopes will lead him back to the NFL.

Jones is a former first-round draft pick of the Tennessee Titans who has twice been suspended by the NFL for off-field incidents — including for the entire 2007 season — and was released in February by the Dallas Cowboys.

Pacman Jones

The Bombers remained quiet about the move yesterday. Neither Bombers head coach Mike Kelly nor player-personnel director John Murphy returned telephone and email messages.

Worrick Robinson, Jones' lawyer and agent, told The Associated Press the player is in negotiations with a CFL team, but a deal has yet to be formally reached.

The Bombers wouldn't be the first CFL team to take a chance on a former NFL star looking to resurrect or continue his career in Canada.

Ricky Williams spent the entire 2006 season with the Toronto Argonauts while serving a suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Former NFL first-round draft pick Lawrence Phillips — who was sentenced 10 years in jail in 2008 for seven counts of assault with a deadly weapon — spent time with Montreal and Calgary in 2002 and '03.

And receiver Andre (Bad Moon) Rison spent the '04 season with Toronto despite having been arrested several times for failing to pay child support.

Jones is free to join the Blue Bombers because he isn't currently serving an NFL suspension and as a free agent can sign with any team. After the Williams signing, the CFL changed its rules, banning suspended players from coming north.

Jones, who turns 26 at the end of the month, will definitely take a financial hit to play in Canada. The the average CFL salary is roughly $60,000, although top cornerbacks in the league can earn six figures. Still, that's a far cry from the reported $1.3-million US base salary he gave up in '07 when he was suspended for his reported involvement in a shooting incident outside a Las Vegas strip club.

"He's still young and has a lot of playing days ahead of him," Robinson told The Associated Press. "If the CFL deal works out, it will be a good opportunity for him to get back on the field and show what he can do."

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# Canada drops third straight at FIBA Americas tournament

**BASKETBALL** Carl English had a game-high 17 points in Canada's 67-51 loss to Argentina yesterday at the FIBA Americas basketball tournament.

It was the third straight loss for the Canadians (1-3) and first of the quarter-final round, putting Canada sixth in the standings.

Jesse Young chipped in 13 points for Canada, which will take on top-ranked Brazil (4-0) today.

Argentina picked up its third straight victory, with Leo Gutierrez putting up 15 points, Federico Kammerichs 13 and Luis Scola 12 points with nine boards.

Argentina opened the scoring with two straight three-pointers, one by Kammerichs and another by Paolo Quinteros with 7:42 left. The first quarter ended with the Argentines leading 15-13.

Canada came back and tied it at 24 after a basket by Tyler Kepkay, completing a 7-0 run. Gutierrez scored two straight three pointers to give the Argentines a 30-24 lead and at the half they were up 36-28.

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Argentina's Luis Scola, right, attempts to block a shot by Canada's Joel Anthony during the FIBA Americas Championship quarter-finals yesterday in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Argentina won 67-51.

Argentina outscored Canada 20-10 in the third quarter to go into the fourth with a 56-38 lead that it would not relinquish.

Elsewhere at the FIBA Americas tournament yesterday, Dominican Republic downed Uruguay 80-74 and undefeated Brazil routed Mexico 92-61.

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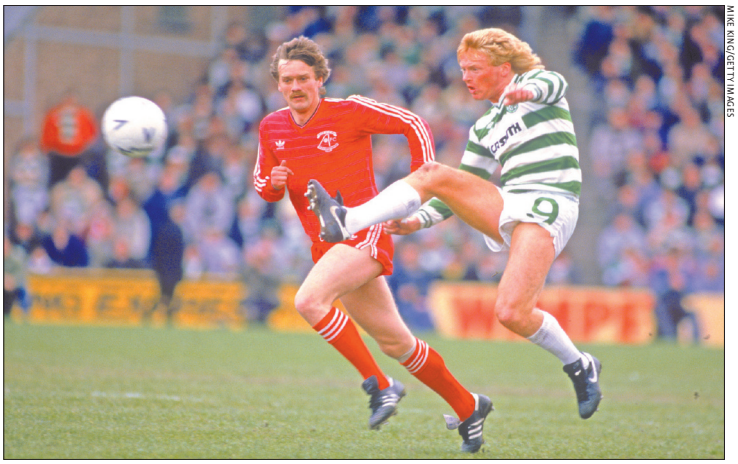
The Los Angels Angels sent second baseman Sean Rodriguez to the Tampa Bay Rays to complete the trade for Scott Kazmir. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Mo Johnston, shown here playing for Celtic FC in 1985, right, broke barriers in Scottish soccer by playing for Celtic and Rangers. The two teams and their supporters are divided along religious lines.

# MoJo treasures his 'Old Firm' experience

## TFC GM broke Scottish soccer barriers in '89

**It's fitting that when it came time for Mo Johnston's twin boys to pick soccer teams to support, one chose Celtic, the other opted for Rangers.**

"I never brought that on whatsoever," the Toronto FC general manager said with a laugh.

"They've been back to Scotland without me," he said of nine-year-olds TJ and Tyler. "The grandparents have told them all about me.

"They came back with Rangers and Celtic tops."

Twenty years ago this summer, Johnston stunned Scottish soccer fans by signing with Rangers, the arch-rival of cross-town Celtic, the club he supported as a boy growing up in Glasgow and starred with from 1984-87.

Coming off two seasons in France, the Scottish international striker just weeks earlier was poised to return to Celtic, identified as the Catholic team in a century-old rivalry where sport blurs with religion and sectarian violence.

But in July 1989, Johnston, then 26, was unveiled to a disbelieving media and public as the newest member of the Rangers.

The move, considered to this day the biggest in the history of Scottish soccer, outraged some supporters on both sides of one of the most intense rivalries in sports.

Celtic fans, who had adoringly called Johnston MoJo, now labelled him Judas. On the Rangers side, some people tore up season's tickets and burned scarves after their predominantly-Protestant club signed a high-profile Catholic.

Death threats and a 24-hour security detail followed.

But this week, as Celtic FC arrived to take on Portuguese giant Benfica in a friendly at BMO Field tonight, Johnston, who rarely talks publicly about this chapter in his life, reflected on "living the dream" of playing for both legendary teams, collectively labelled the Old Firm.

"There are many happy moments on both occasions," Johnston said of winning league championships and being named player of the year with each team. "It's special being part of an organization that's synonymous with world soccer.

While Johnston wasn't the first Catholic to sign with Rangers, he was the most high profile at a time when the club was publicly trying to overcome its sectarian reputation by signing players without taking account their religion.

He's quick to answer when asked if he'd make the move knowing all that was in store for him.

"Absolutely. I felt it had to be done. I felt the barriers had to be broken," he said. "And, to be honest with you, it was difficult at first, but when teammates and fans start to embrace you then it becomes a lot easier."

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### Celtic vs. Benfica

- Celtic FC takes on Portugal's Benfica tonight in an international friendly at BMO Field.
- Celtic are off to a strong start in the Scottish Premiership, winning their first three games of the season.
- Benfica sits third in Portugal's Liga, having won two of three to start the season.

## Sports in brief

**NFL** The San Francisco 49ers have released quarterback Damon Huard. After the move yesterday, Nate Davis is in line to be the team's No. 3 quarterback behind starter Shaun Hill and backup Alex Smith. The 36-year-old Huard is a 12-year pro best known for his lengthy backup stints behind Miami's Dan Marino and New England's Tom Brady.

**NFL** Rookie right tackle Andre Smith broke his left foot during practice yesterday, only two days after he ended his holdout with the Cincinnati Bengals. The first-round pick sustained a small fracture in the foot during a non-contact drill in his third workout since signing his deal, another major setback to his chances of winning the starting job this season.

**NFL** The Indianapolis Colts waived defensive back Marcus Paschal yesterday. The move gets Indy down to the NFL's mandatory roster limit of 75.

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**BCMA criticizes Langara's "medically useless" energy-healing courses**
The British Columbia Medical Association is taking Langara College to task for training the public in energy-healing therapies the association deems "medically useless" and potentially harmful. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Workology

## Evacuation misunderstanding

**Collège Ahuntsic, a Montreal CÉGEP, was evacuated last Friday afternoon when a student inside the school received a threatening note that made reference to a gun. The message was traced back to a 21-year-old man, who was arrested and questioned by police. The message turned out to be part of a class assignment, and the person who reported the threat took the note out of context. The man was released without charges.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# He did it his way

## Disillusioned with the publishing world, Monroe set out to create an alternative; the result: No Media Kings

BRIAN COULTON
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**Self-proclaimed anarchist Jim Munroe compares his aversion to the corporate world to one's allergy to cigarette smoke.**

"You can go into a bar that has smoke in it if you really like the band and put up with it for a certain amount of time, but after that, it's not a great place for you to be," said the Toronto author, filmmaker and independent publishing proponent, 37.

Munroe's smoky bar was HarperCollins Canada, the publishing company that picked up his first novel, Flyboy Action Figure Comes With Gasmask in 1999. Although he'd been producing zines independently since age 17, Munroe thought it time to test the traditional publishing waters. But it did not lead to a new page in his publishing career.

"I found working within that system to be draining," he said, "In particular, I feel Rupert Murdoch is pretty heinous and a great bad example of what people can do with too much power in regards to media. It just sort of confirmed a lot of what my previous beliefs had been."

Munroe felt like a small element in the publishing power structure, even though it was his work being published. Even the small task of having a promotional sticker printed, however minor, required constant phone calls and pestering, but was still never accomplished, he said. "If you're inside this giant robot suit and you're picking up something a human can, it's a total waste of energy. It's just not suitable for the project."

Stepping out of the robot suit, Munroe founded No Media Kings, an outlet for him to publish his work, but also help like-minded creators with detailed, illustrated do-it-yourself guides (like "brain dumps", he said) on all aspects of the self-publishing process, including writing, production, distribution, promotion and touring.

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Jim Monroe on his No Media Kings outlet

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And Munroe is a poster child for the possibilities of independent publishing. He said his second novel, the self-published Angry Young Spaceman, sold better and received greater attention than his first and those that have followed have continued the upward trend, publishing house-free.

"It definitely seemed more fun to me to show that someone would want to publish independently and they could do it with as much or bigger splash than a corporation," he said. "I really like the idea of broadening the ways of making things because I think it appeals to a different kind of non-status quo person that brings new, exciting stories and art into the world."

STEPHEN GREGORY PHOTO
No Media Kings founder Jim Monroe has found success in publishing, even after leaving book giant HarperCollins Canada.

## Preview of the post-recession job market

EMPLOYMENT

CareerBuilder.com recently released the findings of a study focusing on the post-recession job market. Here are some key findings:

- In the next 12 months, more than half of employers polled plan to hire full-time employees, four in 10 will hire contract, temporary or project workers, and four in 10 will hire part-time employees.
- Technology, customer service and sales are the top three areas in which employers expect to add jobs first once the economy rebounds.
- The average time to fill open positions, depending on the job level, is 4.5 to 14.4 weeks, the same time range as last year.
- Despite an abundant labor pool, six in 10 employers are willing to negotiate with qualified candidates for higher compensation.
- More than half of employees polled plan to make a career change or go back to school when the economy recovers.
- Forty per cent of hiring managers said that when the economy improves, giving pay raises will be their primary method for retaining top performers.

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**Ignatieff supports McMaster isotope solution**
After touring McMaster University's nuclear reactor over the weekend, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff promised that, if he were to become the next prime minister, he would make sure the university would get all the funding it requires to solve the country's medical isotope crisis. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# It's all about the kids

## Centennial Children's Entertainment program the only of its kind

MAT LECOMPTE
for Metro Canada

**A Canadian tradition with international recognition has led to an innovation in education.**

Starting this year, Centennial College's Centre for Creative Communications in Toronto is set to open the doors to its newest program: Children's Entertainment: Writing, Production and Management Program. It's a one year-post graduate program that is the first of its kind in Canada — a country that has received much notoriety for its work in children's programming.

"Canadian producers have a world-renowned reputation in children's entertainment," says program co-ordinator and professor, Suzanne Wilson. "We have such a tradition, so it's natural for us to develop a program like this."

The new program will feature courses on creating various children's products like film, television, books, education products and interactive media. In addition, students will also learn how to write specifically for a unique demographic.

According to Wilson, there are a number of ethical issues that arise when producing content for children, as well as the need for a clear understanding of how to effectively communicate with kids in their developmental years.

Along with creative skills, students will be taught business and managerial skills to provide them with a truly holistic knowledge of this very competitive industry. Therefore, no matter what their interests are, students will be prepared to advance in the business in a number of areas.

"It's a very intensive and focused program that is really geared towards offering important career skills," explains Wilson. "It's designed to open up a lot of doors and prepare students for any side of the job they choose to get in to."

**Check it out**

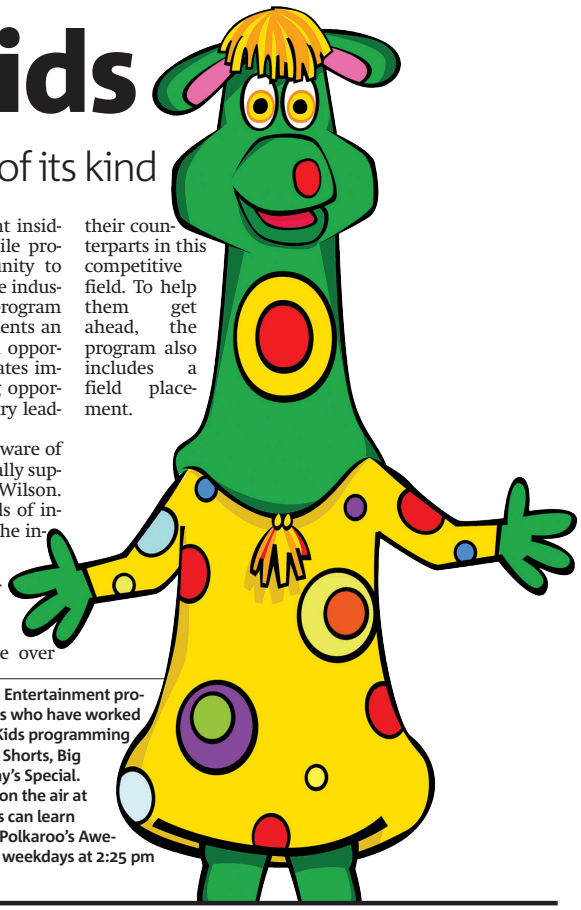
- For more information on this program, visit centennialcollege.ca/thecentre/childrensentertainment.

The idea for a unique program such as this was the brainchild of Nate Horowitz, Dean of the Centre for Creative Communications. Over the past three years Horowitz, with the assistance of Wilson and others, has managed to recruit top-tier professors and create a buzz within the industry itself. In fact, faculty for the program includes the creator of the hit TV-show "Ready or Not," and a producer for "Fraggle Rock."

To add to the impressive faculty, the program will also rely heavily on guest speakers to help students get the most current insider information, while providing the opportunity to make contacts in the industry. Therefore, the program not only offers students an exclusive education opportunity, but it facilitates important networking opportunities with industry leaders.

"The industry is aware of the program and really supports it," adds Wilson. "We've had all kinds of interest from within the industry."

Considering it's the only program of its kind, Wilson says graduates will likely have an edge over their counterparts in this competitive field. To help them get ahead, the program also includes a field placement.



Centennial's Children's Entertainment programs offers professors who have worked extensively with TVO Kids programming — including Polka Dot Shorts, Big Comfy Couch and Today's Special. These aren't currently on the air at TVO, but the little ones can learn about their ABCs with Polkaroo's Awesome ABCs, which airs weekdays at 2:25 pm starting Sept. 7.

# Performance appraisals a double-edged sword

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Employers seeking to dismiss their habitual underperformers usually follow a prescription for a tidy divorce: Gather ammunition and create a paper trail documenting any and all allegations and concerns. Typically, this is accomplished by a series of negative performance appraisals. If the employee then wishes to go to war, there will be a mountain of evidence to overcome.

Performance appraisals can, however, be a double-edged sword. Court cases clearly indicate that employers owe a duty to provide employees with the opportunity and means required to improve underperformance, if dismissing them on those grounds.

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# Maligned employees should prepare for battle

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Judges require that employers prove the employee was grossly incompetent, and that progressive warnings were issued, clearly identifying areas of concern.

Therefore, for maligned employees, I often recommend that they prepare for and then fight the battle by building a supportive documentary case by first challenging a negative or unjust performance appraisal. Then, should legal confrontation ensue, the employee has the ability to contest any injurious inferences drawn by a series of unsatisfactory appraisals.

Therefore, for employees faced with a negative performance appraisal, consider the following advice:

- Document your response to a challenged appraisal in writing and request that the response be placed in your human resource file.
- Performance appraisals should be remedial in nature. Point out that the standards expected are not objectively reasonable, are beyond your capability, were never communicated, or suitable instruction and supervision were never given to assist in meeting those standards.
- Although remedial, negative performance appraisals usually contemplate corrective discipline, which may eventually support the employer's case for dismissal. Therefore, ask for sufficient time and support to correct any alleged deficiency. Also, state that all of the company's concerns can't be addressed without assistance and while expected to simultaneously maintain a regular workload.
- Express bewilderment if there is any marked inconsistency with previous positive appraisals or accomplishments and point out any historical or recent achievements, such as salary increases or bonuses.
- State that prior to the appraisal, the alleged shortcoming was never verbalized and, as far as understood, you were just following the procedures or protocol in place.
- Note if there are any perceived inequities in the evaluation process of other less-scrutinized employees.
- Where specific actions or events are chastised, state your version of the events was not solicited before this criticism was levelled and then document this version regardless if it's now sought by the employer.
- Ask for clarification and examples, in writing, regarding any aspects of the appraisal that is misunderstood or that may potentially be challenged. Point out that the explanation first provided was so vague that the underlying concerns can't possibly be addressed.
- If there is any policy detailing the evaluation or appraisal process, point out any inconsistencies with the policy and state the appraisal did not meet the required criterion.

An employee who wishes to keep his or her job should ensure that the tone of a written or oral response is professional and corrective, but not aggressive or accusatory. Otherwise, your letter may have the reverse effect and simply harden your employer's position.

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# Metro Drive

**E-cabs put to test**
Japan is getting all charged up for the world's first-ever electric taxi pilot program, which hits Tokyo streets come January. The participating cabs will use "swappable" batteries, which can be replaced in about the same time it takes to fill a gas tank. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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The 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September.

## Hybrid BMW X6 coming

**DEBUT** The 2010 BMW ActiveHybrid X6 will make its world premiere at the Frankfurt Motor Show (IAA) in September and will reach Canadian BMW showrooms in late 2009.

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# Honda's northern light

## The Civic still the Canadian gold standard for compact sedans

JIM ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

**It's amusing to hear our American friends going on about the importance of buying products made in the U.S.A. when one of their favourite cars is made by a foreign power — us.**

Yep, the Honda Civic sedan is just one of the vehicles made in Ontario at Honda's production facility in Alliston.

The perennial top selling compact car in Canada and the U.S., the current generation Civic blurs the line between compact and mid-size because 2009 Civics aren't really all that small anymore. The Civic is 4.4-metres long with the passenger volume of 2,574 litres. It may be considered compact on the outside, but it's mid-size on the inside.

There are no less than six different Civic models: four trim levels (DX, DX-G, Sport, EX-L) of the sedan, the sporty Si with a bigger 2.0-litre engine that revs freely to an amazing 7,800 rpm and the Hybrid that boasts fuel economy numbers of 4.7L/100 km city and 4.3L/100 km highway.

Tested here is the Sport that replaces last year's LX model. The Sport features a leather wrapped steering wheel, black cloth interior with silver contrast stitching and little things like a chrome exhaust tip and USB device connector.

All Civics, including the Sport, have what Honda calls its Advanced Compatibility Engineering (ACE) Body Structure. In a frontal crash, the energy is dispersed through a network of load bearing structures in the front of the vehicle. To make it work, the front-end frame structure incorporates new upper and lower frame members to significantly enhance energy dispersion in a frontal collision.

The interior of the current generation Civic takes advantage of its greater width. For instance, the seats are wider, and thus, more supportive.

The most prominent aspect of the cabin is the two-tier instrument panel.

A digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge are housed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight, resulting in shorter eye movements between the most commonly referenced gauges and the road. The lower level of the instrument panel houses a tachometer, multi-information digital display, odometer with trip meter and a variety of warning indicators.

Power for the four main Civic sedans, including the Sport, is a 1.8-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder producing 140 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque. Standard transmission is a five-speed manual with a five-speed automatic as an option. Fuel ratings for the manual are 7.4/5.4L/100 km city/highway and 8.2/5.7L/100 km city/highway for the automatic.

The Sport is well equipped for the price and it's roomy too. It's a great car for going across town or across the country. Others have tried, and are still trying, to duplicate or better the Civic, but it remains the Canadian gold standard for compact sedans.

The Honda Civic has been one of Canada's favourite cars from the very first ones sold back in 1973.

**2009 Honda Civic Sport Sedan**

**Type:** Compact sedan
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**Engine:** 1.8-litre SOHC inline four-cylinder (140 hp, 128 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Roomy and affordable
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The instrument panel of the Civic is set up as two tiers with a digital speedometer, fuel gauge and temperature gauge placed in the upper level to be more in line with the driver's line-of-sight.

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**Mini Coupe coming**
Mini will be launching a Coupe version of its iconic marque, which turned 50 last week. The concept will be unveiled at this month's Frankfurt Auto Show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Your future with GM

A Pontiac G8, above, and a Saturn Astra.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

As you've no doubt heard, General Motors is transitioning into concentrating on four core brands — Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, and Cadillac.

That means the other four brands in its current portfolio — Pontiac, Saturn, Saab and Hummer — will soon be *persona non core*.

If you're a current owner of one of those brands, or considering purchasing one, you might be asking where you go for service and warranty work, when GM takes its signs down at the end of the year?

Fair question.

The answer, however, is not straightforward, at least not at this time. There is still stuff in play.

We don't have anything official from GM as it didn't get back to us before deadline, but we gleamed a few scenarios from talking to industry executives and dealers.

First off, let's confirm that you will have someplace to go — it's the law. And if it weren't the law, either GM or the entity that ultimately controls the brands in the future, would still be standing behind these products; otherwise it would just be business suicide.

"No one is ever going to leave consumers high and dry," says Moray Keith, who heads up a large GM dealer group based in Vancouver.

"You're going to be able to get parts and have that vehicle repaired for as long as you own the vehicle. GM has always done that…"

There is still some positioning going on, as to who will own the soon-to-be ex-GM brands, and their respective stores in Canada, and that will affect where consumers go for warranty work.

Pontiac is the most straightforward. GM is not selling the brand. So Pontiac customers simply go back to GM dealers.

The Penske group is trying to buy the Saturn dealer chain in the U.S., and sell cars sourced from GM and others. Currently they have no plans for Canada.

Until or unless something develops on this front, Canadian Saturn owners would presumably be going to GM dealers for warranty work, or going to still-open former Saturn operations for non-warranty related items.

**"If you have a Pontiac that shares almost all of its components with a Chevy, you really don't have to worry."**
George Iny of the Automobile Protection Association

Saab and Hummer owners would be in a similar position. GM is in the process of selling Saab to a Swedish company. A Chinese firm wants Hummer. Neither of those buyers announced any specifics about future Canadian models or distribution systems.

Any possible sale would determine who holds the warranty liability. In the meantime, assume GM is on the hook.

So someone will have your back, we're just not sure who.

But you should also be aware that, when it comes to brand upheaval, there are shades of gray.

"If you have a Pontiac that shares almost all of its components with a Chevy, you really don't have to worry," says George Iny of the Automobile Protection Association, a non-profit that promotes the interests of automotive consumers.

But he's not so sure about vehicles that have no North American GM twin, like the Australian-built Pontiac G8, the European-built Saabs, and the Saturn Astra, which is built in Belgium by a company (Opel) that GM has been told to sell.

Not only will you possibly need to go to a GM dealer who never serviced those vehicles prior to this, he also raises the spectre of "long term issues with parts pricing and parts availability."

The other thing to rattle around our brains, is that some of these soon-to-be ex-GM cars are simply great cars, and, because of their circumstances, are now being offered at great prices you'll probably never see again.

We'll leave it up to you.

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For each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration, a recent research found.

# More nicotine in smokers' cars: Study

Nicotine levels are "strikingly higher" in smokers' cars than in non-smokers' vehicles, and even exceed those found in public or private indoor spaces where tobacco use is allowed, a study has found.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health tested air nicotine concentrations in smokers' vehicles and found they were twice as strong as levels measured by other studies in public and-or private places and up to 50 per cent higher than measurements taken in restaurants and bars that permit smoking.

"We're interested in what the second-hand smoke exposure might do to a non-smoker travelling in a car with a smoker," said senior author Dr. Patrick Breysse. "And it seems like the car is probably the last environment where people have begun to think about the risk of second-hand smoke exposure."

The researchers studied the vehicles of 17 smokers and five non-smokers who commuted to and from work for 30 minutes or longer. Two passive airborne nicotine samplers were placed in the vehicles — one on the front passenger seat headrest and one in the back seat behind the driver — for a 24-hour period. In all, they analyzed 44 samplers.

"And we found that for each cigarette smoked in the car, there was about a doubling in the airborne nicotine concentration," said Breysse, noting that the study took into consideration the size of each vehicle and the use of ventilation.

"Most people drive with the windows up and the air conditioning on," he said. "We found that rolling the windows half-way down reduced the exposure ... but not as low as we expected."

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# Dancer dad steps up for daughter

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A 2009 Dodge Caravan

Jean-Marc Généreux has earned a reputation on So You Think You Can Dance Canada as a man who speaks from his heart. And whether the dance judge is talking to contestants on TV about their pirouettes, or speaking off-camera about his car, Genereux's infectious enthusiasm never wavers.

"I've always had one luxury car and one regular car," explains the devoted father-of-two from his home in Boucherville, Que.

A champion ballroom dancer and choreographer, who began dancing with his wife of 22 years, France Mousseau, when he was just 10 years old, Généreux recently put his luxury dreams on the backburner in order to provide his family with a what they needed most.

A few weeks ago, he traded in his Mercedes ML 320 for what he calls their Francesca-mobile, a 2009 Dodge Caravan.

The reason for the change is that Généreux's 10-year-old daughter, Francesca, suffers from Rett Syndrome, a neuro-developmental disorder that has left her severely handicapped.

He and Mousseau, who also have a 13-year-old son, Jean-Francis, realized this year that they needed a bigger vehicle specially equipped for their growing daughter and her wheelchair.

"It's fantastic," says the vivacious judge, who's also starred in Dance with Me and Shall We Dance, of their new charcoal-coloured car.

"We basically had the whole interior reconstructed. They lowered the floor and took out seats in the middle to fit her wheelchair. We can wheel Francesca in in her wheelchair and I can push her back to the position of sleeping."

Not only does it make everyday life easier and more comfortable for everyone, but the new Caravan will also allow the family to take more trips together again.

Although they flew as a family when the kids were very young, when Francescawas about six, her seizures became more severe, thus requiring Généreux and Mousseau to bring an oxygen tank on flights along with other necessary equipment, making the process of air travel exhausting for everyone.

"It's so much more comfortable for my daughter to travel in a vehicle," he explains. Généreux also loves the vehicle's flex fuel system and stereo controls on the steering wheel. With a laugh, he says, "They really pimped my ride!"

**Jean-Marc Généreux is a judge on So You Think You Can Dance Canada, which airs Tuesdays on CTV at 8 p.m.**

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked for several magazines, including Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

# More power to you and gearbox

**TECHNOLOGY** Ford's new six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission delivers the performance and fuel economy of a manual gearbox with the comfort and convenience of an auto.

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**Ford's new six-speed Powershift automatic transmission.**

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**Ship ahoy**
Expedia.ca is offering room reservations aboard Norwegian Star, a luxury cruise ship that will be docked in Vancouver in February and March 2010 during the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Rates start at $769 per night, including all meals, based on double occupancy (taxes and ship fees extra). METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Travel

## German Currywurst Museum

**The long wait has finally come to an end for fans of Germany's most beloved urban snack — the first German Currywurst Museum opened its doors in Berlin near Checkpoint Charlie. The museum will celebrate all things related to the curious combination of curry, ketchup and sausage. There'll be recipes, a history of the cult snack, a museum shop and a documentary called Best of the Wurst. See currywurstmuseum.de.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A view of Aphrodite's Rock on the island of Cyprus.

# Sun, sand and history in Aphrodite's garden

## Cyprus blends natural beauty with legend

ANDRÉ BARBOSA
Metro World NEws

**At first glance, a traveller may think the island of Cyprus was divinely intended for relaxation alone.**

The Mediterranean's azure waters, the meandering coastline replete with beaches and inlets, and, inland, the seemingly never-ending plains and mountains can lull visitors into a state of relaxation, one in which exertion constitutes no more than a leisurely stroll.

But the island's sun, sand and natural beauty have been enjoyed by plenty who've come before. Cyprus was occupied by Greeks, Romans, Venetians and Ottomans, and fortunately, there remain plenty of well-preserved signs of their time on the island.

So it would be a shame not to dedicate one or more days of a holiday to exploring these archaeological sites. Of those sites, the ancient city of Kourion — just a few kilometres from Paphos, heading towards Limassol — is among the most spectacular.

Start at the Roman villa known as the House of Eustolios, which dates from the second century BC, then head to the Graeco-Roman theatre, where shows are still staged today. Next, prepare yourself for a three-kilometre walk to the Temple of Apollo.

After all of that history, you'll want to recover your strength by returning to leisurely pursuits: At Paphos, sit on the promenade next to the marina and order an iced coffee, called frappe, and immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere. When you've recovered it's time to visit the Kato Paphos archaeological park, with its magnificent Roman mosaics.

Then, it's time to trade ruins for myths. Cyprus is a land of legends and one of its most popular tells of the creation of Aphrodite. It's said that the fraught birth of the goddess of love took place in the foam of Petra Tou Roumiou beach, between Limassol and Paphos.

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# A taste of India in Bangkok

**Outdoor markets tout sari sales, five-star hotels feature Indian chefs and Thais drop by a temple in the financial district to beseech Hindu gods to send profits their way.**

India pops up in unexpected places in the Thai capital, with the country's ancient Hindu civilization infusing the Thai language, classical dance and religious architecture.

An estimated 140,000 of the city's 10-plus million residents have roots in modern India, making their presence amply felt in Bangkok's hotels, markets, tailor shops, the gem trade, cricket leagues and contemporary art galleries.

"It's a little-known Indian diaspora community compared to those in places like the United Kingdom or the United States — but perhaps equally influential," says Christopher Rego, a documentary filmmaker who selected Bangkok as the starting point for a multimedia project on the world's Indian communities. "It's like a microcosm of India's diversity."

Indian influences appear all across this sprawling city. Sukhumvit, an area popular with expats, has a plethora of Indian restaurants and major hotels operated by members of the Sikh community, many of whom have become extremely wealthy. In fact, large chunks of real estate in this area are owned by Thai-Indians.

On the other side of town, far from Sukhumvit's modern buildings and Western chain restaurants, Bangkok's official Little India borders the vast markets of Chinatown.

The golden domed Sri Guru Singh Sabha, believed to be the largest Sikh temple in Southeast Asia, towers over the area known as Phahurat, formerly an important centre for the textile trade.

Rolls of cloth are still sold at Phahurat's Indian markets, along with Punjabi sweets, incense sticks, jewelry and the latest Bollywood hits on DVD. The setting is less intimidating than the larger labyrinths of Chinatown.

Royal India, said to be Thailand's first Indian restaurant, is tucked into a small alley in the heart of Phahurat, across the street from the four-story India Emporium. Bangkok's Indian community and foreign visitors alike occupy the tables, where chicken masala and other traditional spice-laden dishes from northern India are served.

The Sikh temple in Phahurat remains very much a community place of worship, but the Hindu temple across town is a true religious melting pot. Thais and Chinese pay respect to the Hindu Goddess Uma Thewi at the Sri Mahamariamman Temple off Silom Road. Next door, Chennai Kitchen prepares fresh vegetarian food characteristic of southern India.

One of Bangkok's top tourist draws is the Erawan Shrine, built in 1956 to ward off problems plaguing the construction of an adjoining hotel. Crowds flock to a golden image piled high with flowers and incense as dancers pay homage to the four-faced Hindu god Brahma.

Although some 95 per cent of Thais are Buddhists, many include elements of Hinduism in worship stemming from cultural and religious influences which flowed across the Indian Ocean to reach Southeast Asia centuries ago.

"We ourselves are Thais, but we have an Indian look," said Jesse Gulati, 59, owner of Rajawongse tailor shop, echoing many among the community.

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Sikh women, their hands adorned with henna, show off their patterns to one another prior to a wedding at the Sikh temple Siri Guru Singh Sabha in Bangkok, Thailand.

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Sikh boys wave Thai flags as they gather for a shrine dedication ceremony in Bangkok. An estimated 140,000 of Bangkok's more than 10 million people have roots in modern India.

## Good to know

**Phahurat markets:** Phahurat and Chakraphet streets. Nearby: Sikh temple, Royal India restaurant.

**Rang Mahal Restaurant:** Atop the Rembrandt Hotel, Sukhumvit Road Soi 18. The Sunday brunch is a rooftop feast fit for a maharajah.

**Sri Mahamariamman Temple:** Silom and Pan roads. Bangkok teems with temples, but this religious crossroads is truly unique. Nearby at Chennai Kitchen, try the dosais, or Indian crepes.

**Indus:** Sukhumvit Road Soi 26. This New York-inspired restaurant serves light, contemporary Indian cuisine, then turns into a nightspot.

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Chinese terra cotta warriors, shown at the British Museum, are travelling to Washington, D.C. next.

# Terra cotta warriors head to D.C.

**Fifteen of China's famous terra cotta warriors are coming to Washington, D.C. in November for an exhibit at the National Geographic Museum.**

It's the final U.S. venue for the extraordinary statues, which have also been on display in Santa Ana, Calif., in Atlanta and in Houston.

It's also the only venue in the Northeast, and 33,000 tickets for the show have already been sold. Tickets are timed and dated and can be purchased online at warriorsdc.org. Prices are $12 U.S. for adults; $10 for seniors, students, military personnel and National Geographic members; and $6 for children ages 2-12.

The travelling exhibit, which was also previously at the British Museum, is said to be the largest collection of the life-size figures to ever leave China. The warriors were first discovered in the 1970s in the tomb of Qin Shi Huang, who is considered the first emperor of a unified China and whose rule began in 221 B.C. Nearly 1,000 figures have been excavated, but experts believe that the tomb may contain as many as 7,000 of the statues.

The travelling exhibit includes soldiers, archers, acrobats and animals, and 100 sets of artifacts including armour, weapons and bronze vessels.

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## Don't forget the dental floss

**CAMBRIDGE, MASS.** What do dental floss, shower caps and dryer sheets have in common? They can all serve multiple purposes when you travel, according to 101 Tips for Women Travelers, a new free booklet from Overseas Adventure Travel and Grand Circle Travel. More than 70 per cent of the tour companies' clients are women, and the guide contains ideas from female employees, guides and travellers.

Among the tips: Dental floss is so strong it can double as a makeshift laundry line for clothing you might handwash on the road. Many travellers swear dryer sheets repel mosquitoes if you tie one to your belt loop or backpack. And stash those free hotel shower caps in your luggage for later use. You can use them to wrap a damp swimsuit, cover a camera in the rain, or help insulate anything you're carrying that might either leak or get wet. To receive the 101 Tips booklet, call 800-873-5628. You should receive a free copy within two or three weeks.

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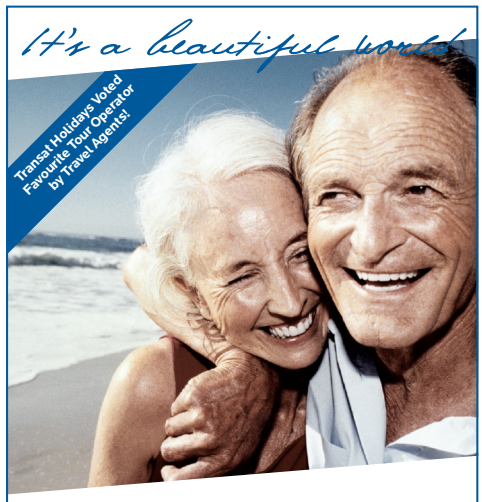


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# Eat, drink and be tranquil on Cyprus

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The story says that whoever swims three times around the central rock will be forever young and beautiful. If you're after a less romantic dip, the beaches between Protaras and Agia Napa, on the southeastern coast of Cyprus, are highly recommended.

To take in the fresh air of the mountains, rent a car and explore inland, enjoying the tranquility of villages including Omodos.

The people of Cyprus are very hospitable and it's at the table that they truly reveal their relaxed spirit, with meals that last for hours.

Order meze, so that you get several dishes of delicacies to share. Try Octapodi Krasato (octopus in red wine) and kebabs of every description.

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## Where to stay

Cyprus has fantastic five star hotels, some with gardens and hidden spots at cliffs over the beach. The Golden Bay Hotel, goldenbay.com.cy, is the only luxury hotel in Larnaca, close to the tourist zone and beach. There are also many guest houses ideal for backpackers located in areas near the beaches and the nightlife, in Agia Napa and Limassol. For more information check travellerspoint.com.

## Where to eat

Try out the local taverns and restaurants which serve up Greek and Turkish fish, seafood and meat delicacies. They're easy to find, especially on the coast. Laona, in the heart of Paphos, offers great value with its local, traditional fare. In Omodos, the Ambelothea tavern is a mandatory stop.

## What to do

The open air Paphos Aphrodite Festival takes place every August at the Kato Paphos Castle square. It's a sort of opera-centred gathering, with English and Greek subtitles; pafc.com.

Local wine is also much appreciated in Cyprus, and the country's wine festival has taken place every June since 1961 in Limassol. Best of all, the wine is on the house. See limassolmunicipal.com.cy/wine/index.html.

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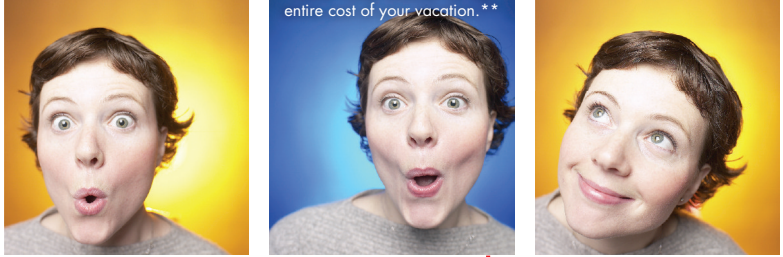
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**Zellweger in crash**

Renee Zellweger has been in a car crash. The New In Town actress was involved in an accident in Beverly Hills on Monday, but was uninjured in the collision police reports. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Entertainment

## Prejean suing

Fallen beauty queen Carrie Prejean is suing the Miss California USA pageant and co-executive director Shanna Moakler alleging religious discrimination. Prejean, 22, is also suing for libel and slander. PEOPLE.COM

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# Blue collar fun

## Mike Judge seeks workplace laughs in Extract

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

**Although he's more famous for creating such iconic animated television sitcoms as Beavis and Butt-Head and the long-running King of the Hill, filmmaker Mike Judge does have one cinematic treasure to his name — Office Space.**

Having mastered the eccentricities of the workplace in that 1999 comedy classic, Judge may soon satisfy those who've craved for his return to skewering office dynamics ever since. Admittedly, his new film, Extract, should've been made a lot sooner.

"I started writing (Extract) shortly after Office Space," said Judge during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "I started writing it, got 50 pages in and (the scriptwriting) software I was using got corrupted and froze up including the version I saved … by the time I opened it up, I was like, 'Nah, screw it.'"

**Extract opens in theatres this Friday**

Ten years later, the comedy starring Jason Bateman as a bewildered owner of a floundering flavouring factory is set for release this Friday. Being described as a "blue collar" rendition of Office Space, in the film Judge again captures the hilarious authenticity of the working environment.

"I had so many jobs and I just think there's a lot of material there," said Judge about his interest in the workplace setting. "I just find this stuff kind of interesting and funny and not a lot of people are doing it."

But part of the success of Office Space (and perhaps Extract) was also the adoption of certain lines and iconic moments into the zeitgeist. Mention such things as the "O-face" or "Milton's red stapler" to anyone who's seen the 1999 cult hit and those gags have a whole new pop-cultural understanding.

Mike Judge, who directed the 1999 comedy Office Space, on the set of his new film Extract.

"At the premiere, (a friend) picked the oddest line that I don't think anyone even laughed at," said Judge about which moments in Extract could find their way into the zeitgeist.

"You don't plan those things; when you plan them, they don't work so you just write the thing and those quotable lines - that's up to the audience and they find them. I just hope they do that with this one."

# Tron's voyage from disaster to dark sci-fi film

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

**In 1982 Disney's blockbuster video game fantasy Tron was considered a neon-colored disaster, but today it's a cult classic.**

The movie was truly ahead of its time and all the video game references, computer tech talk, and primitive CGI effects that alienated audiences almost 30 years ago are now the backbone of pop culture.

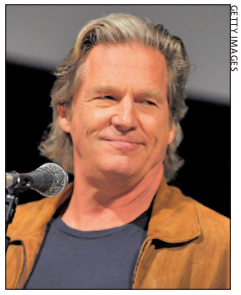
Since audiences have finally caught up with Tron, Disney has been quietly developing a sequel. They recently unveiled a trailer on the Internet showing that their new project will be a dark sci-fi action adventure. In other words, this ain't your Daddy's Tron.

"Disney made the original movie in 1982 and if you saw it then or have even seen it now, it looks and feels unlike anything else," Tron: Legacy producer Justin Springer said during the recent Fan Expo Canada 2009 in Toronto. He was there to screen footage and share some information about the highly anticipated film.

"What they achieved really inspired us as filmmakers and made us want to push and invent new technology to create something equally impressive for 2010," said Springer.

The team in charge of Tron: Legacy has done everything they can to create a world that both honors and expands on the original film. Springer and Disney brought in director Joseph Kosinski to supervise the update — a man with no feature film experience.

"Joe's a commercial director who has done some visually stunning and groundbreaking work," Springer said.



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Jeff Bridges, who starred in the original Tron in 1982, is reprising his role as Kevin Flynn in the sequel Tron: Legacy.

"He has a background in architecture and design and has used a lot of new digital technology in a way that makes it difficult to tell the difference between what's CG and what's real."

The footage Springer screened showcased a rain scarred and bleak universe reminiscent of Blade Runner. Springer also revealed that while the movie just wrapped photography, a further 18 months will be required to complete the complicated visual effects. The movie is slated for release in 2010

"A lot of people think this movie was shot in a giant blue screen stage like 300 but that's not the case," said Springer. "Because the director wanted to make the movie as realistic as possible, we built over 50 sets, some taking up entire soundstages."

### Daft Punk recruited

The brief glimpses of the Tron: Legacy concept art producer Justin Springer unveiled suggests that Disney is taking an unconventionally dark and experimental route with the film. One indication of this new direction was the choice for the film composer. "Daft Punk is scoring the film," said Springer. "We wanted to hire someone who could make an original electronic score and they were interested. It will be a real score and not a Daft Punk dance album."

**Getting close**
Jude Law and Ewan McGregor were "like a couple" for a recent Vanity Fair photo shoot, striking several risque poses photographer Lorenzo Agius says. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Marvel's storied comic past

**Iron Man, Captain America and Thor may be nearly invincible, but they can also be bought.**

In acquiring Marvel Entertainment Inc. this week for about $4 billion, Walt Disney Co. inherits a bevy of comic book characters whose history is almost dramatic enough to deserve a prequel of its own. And what could be a better ending than Hulk moving in with Donald Duck?

Marvel Comics, now a subsidiary of Marvel Entertainment Inc., was founded in 1939, a year after Disney released one of its biggest hits: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Even Stan Lee, who would become an integral figure in Marvel's history and arguably its most public face, was a fan.

"The first expensive book I bought by saving my pennies was called The Art of Walt Disney," Lee said in an interview Monday. "I loved their cartoons: Pinocchio and Bambi and Snow White — all of them."

The first issue of Marvel Comics, released by Timely Publications, was published in October 1939 and included a now-classic character, the Human Torch. The issue sold for 10 cents.

The '60s were a creative heyday for Marvel. It published hundreds of comic books with superhero stories, including the introduction of the Fantastic Four. Lee created many of the characters, along with designers such as Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko.

Among them: Spider-Man, Iron Man, the X-Men, the Hulk and Thor. With more serious, detailed storytelling, Marvel seized the comic book energy from DC Comics, which over the years has birthed Batman, Superman and many others. (DC has its own corporate owner: Warner Bros., since 1969.)

Marvel was sold in 1986 to New World Entertainment and soon after was sold again to investor Ronald Perelman. Marvel's current chief executive, Isaac (Ike) Perlmutter, snatched Marvel assets out of bankruptcy in 1998, outmanoeuvring Perelman and investor Carl Icahn.

Marvel's commercial boom arrived in the '90s and the '00s, when the rights to its famous characters became highly profitable in video games, merchandising and blockbuster movie adaptations. Marvel Studios was formed to co-produce films with other studios.

The 86-year-old Lee, though, remains affiliated with Marvel and holds the title of "chairman emeritus." His company, Pow! Entertainment, has its own deal with Disney that gives the studio the first look at new projects. Pow! has three films in the works with Disney.

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The Walt Disney Co. announced earlier this week it is buying Marvel Entertainment Inc. for $4 billion in cash and stock.

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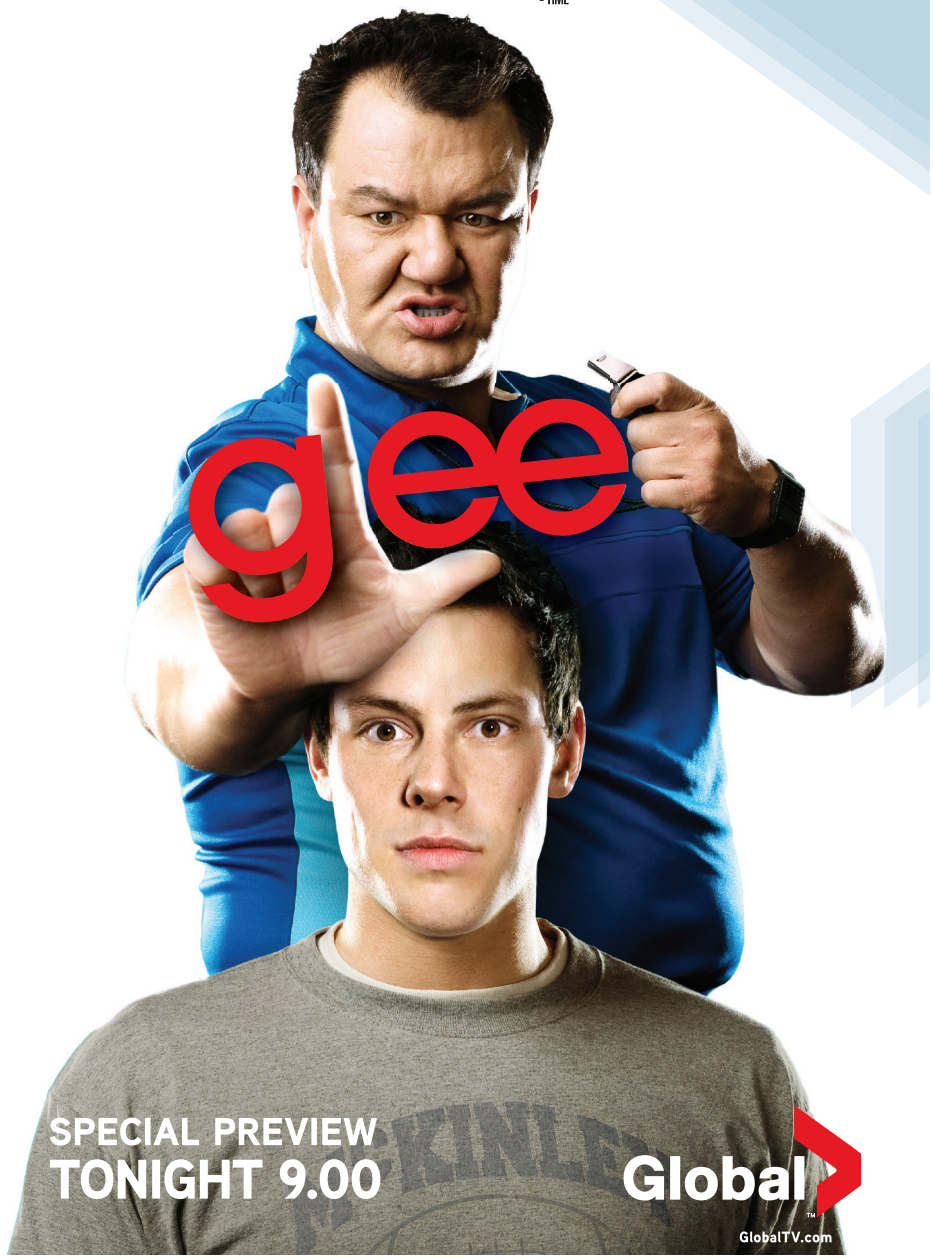

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**Maintaining my weight**

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# History made sexy?

**SERIES** Reality television super-producer Mark Burnett's new series Expedition Africa shares many esthetic similarities to his hit franchise Survivor: there are the same lush jungles, exotic wildlife and danger of a perilous, uncontrolled environment.

But in lieu of his other show's torches, tribal councils, and teeny-tiny bikinis, Burnett hopes Expedition Africa — a show in which four explorers recreate Sir Henry Morton Stanley's legendary journey through Africa to find Dr. David Livingstone — hooks viewers with something a little less sexy: History.

"When this came up, it was such a challenge — how to create programming that would be adventurous, have dramatic storytelling, but have its foundation in history," Burnett told The Canadian Press.

"It was very, very challenging to try to pull that off. It was exciting."

Expedition Africa has completed its eight-episode run in the U.S. but makes its Canadian debut tonight (History Television, 10 p.m. ET).

The show tracks four explorers — navigator Pasquale Scatturo, wildlife expert Mireya Mayor, survivalist Benedict Allen and journalist Kevin Sites — who use only a compass and hand-drawn maps as they attempt to retrace Stanley's famed 1,500-kilometre expedition to find Livingstone.

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Producer Mark Burnett's new series is called Expedition Africa.

Along the way, they sidestep potentially dangerous confrontations with lions, crocodiles and a variety of deadly snakes, while finding plenty of time to bicker amongst themselves about the best way to accomplish pretty much every task they encounter.

And that, Burnett says, can be the key to good reality television — though he maintains he had no idea which personalities would clash.

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# Another Emmy chance?

**It's enough to provoke a string of expletives from any devout George Carlin admirer: The comedian never won an Emmy Award in his lifetime despite a half-dozen nominations.**

TV academy voters have the chance to make indirect amends, and gladden his daughter's heart, by honouring George Carlin: The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize.

"My father was someone who did change the face of television with his HBO specials," Kelly Carlin McCall said. "He was a man who, over almost 20 years, made television exciting to watch. I think it's too bad they didn't get to honour him that way."

Last year's Emmy loss was "particularly poignant" because it followed his death of heart failure by three months, she said.

Carlin, a multiple Grammy-winner for his comedy albums, shook up television with 14 standup specials that skewered hypocrisy in language and social mores. He was 71 when he died, his razor-sharp satire unblunted.

TV academy voters missed what appeared to be the last opportunity to honour him when George Carlin: It's Bad for Ya! lost to Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project.

Any Emmy for the Mark Twain Prize ceremony would belong to the producers of the tribute, which was announced days before Carlin's death and held last November. It was the first time the Twain honour was presented posthumously.

Among its competitors in the grab-bag category of outstanding special class program: The extravagant, jaw-dropping opening of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics; the Tony and Academy Award ceremonies; and a Carnegie Hall tribute to composer Leonard Bernstein.

The "weird" categories in which Carlin's specials have competed are part of the problem, his daughter said, with voters comparing "apples and orange" among the nominees.

"Please, it's just crazy," Carlin McCall said of the her father's tribute being pitted against the Olympic opener.

Not that the iconoclast was pining for the winged trophy.

"He always saw the awards show thing as a bit of a game. I mean, he's George Carlin; he's going to buy into that stuff?" she asked.

But he was "absolutely thrilled" by the prestigious Twain honour and appreciated being recognized for his work, especially later in life, Carlin McCall said.

During the Kennedy Center show, Jon Stewart, Lily Tomlin, Joan Rivers and others saluted Carlin for inspiring them in comedy and in helping to push the boundaries of free speech.

Dennis Leary said he grew up in a church that issued lists of banned works, including Carlin's. That immediately induced Leary and fellow altar boys to pool their money so they could hear Seven Words You Can Never Say on TV for themselves.

"That was when I realized you could make money for saying things my dad used to say when he was fixing the car," Leary said during the tribute.

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## Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

**THE EX** Kardinal Offishall headlines the Toronto Urban Music Festival tonight at The Bandshell at the CNE. For more information, visit theex.com.

**THEATRE** Rick Salutin and Dale Hamilton present Great Voices — a theatrical collage about the history of Toronto. Fort York, 100 Garrison. Visit festivalatthefort.ca for more details.

**MUSIC** Reverend Horton Heat opens for British speed metal legends Motorhead at the Sound Academy, 11 Polson St., $37.50, Doors at 7 p.m.

**COMEDY** The Rivoli, 332 Queen St. W., plays host to The Newsdesk, with Ron Sparks, Kevin McDonald, MC Jason Kucherawy and others. PWYC. 8:30 p.m.

**TOUR** Spend your morning taking a free guided tour of the Toronto Music Garden at 11 a.m. Queens Quay, west of Spadina. For more info call 416-973-4000.

**GUIDED WALK** The Royal Ontario Museum continues its series of guided neighbourhood walks, this time hitting The Grange. The free event starts at 6 p.m. at Dundas and McCaul. rom.on.ca

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## In brief

**TELEVISION** Outlandish frenemies Kenny Hotz and Spencer Rice are turning to their fans for ideas for the next season of Kenny vs. Spenny. Hotz and Rice say they will choose a winning submission and carry it out in an episode this season. The competition runs now until Sept. 30 at showcase.ca.

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**Expedition Africa**
GPS? What's that? Maps and a compass are all that four modern-day explorers have at their disposal in this new series, which sends them on the route taken by journalist Henry Morton Stanley's journey in search of Dr. David Livingstone. It's a trip fraught with danger, but as with most shows from producer Mark Burnett, the real drama comes from the personal friction and personality conflicts. 7 PM on HIS

**Dragon's Den**
Pro wrestling may be fake, but the muscles on the participants are real. In this episode, the Dragons hear a pitch from a former wrestler who has a new bodybuilding system. Also seeking support are a florist who wants to grow his operation, a prodigy with a teaching-tool business and the inventor of a new disposal method for dog waste. 8 PM on CBC

**Demi and Ashton want a baby**

Demi Moore admits that she and Ashton Kutcher are interested in having a baby, hollyscoop.com reports. "We have so much to live for, and obviously one of them is to have a child," said the 46-year-old Moore. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celebrity Buzz

## Paris has best security ever

**NO HAIR LEFT BEHIND** While on a retail therapy trip to Las Vegas with her grandmother last week, Paris Jackson enjoyed a trip to a salon for a haircut — and security was sure to keep all of Michael Jackson's daughter's clippings, according to the Daily Mail.

Workers at the salon carefully swept up, bagged, and handed over every last hair cut from the 11-year-old's head to thwart potential thieves from snatching a strand for DNA tests to determine who her biological father is.

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## Brown remembers beating

**OOPS! TEMPORARY AMNESIA!** Chris Brown wants to make one thing clear — he remembers beating up Rihanna the night before the Grammys, despite what he said in an interview with Larry King, popeater.com reports.

"There have been reports on the Internet that I didn't remember what happened that night with Rihanna. I want to try and set things straight," the singer told People.

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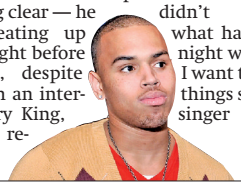

## Perez's parenting advice to Lily

**HARSH WORDS** Singer Lily Allen and blogger Perez Hilton are feuding again after Hilton mocked Allen's rumoured plans to become a mother.

"Bad idea! We foresee the afternoon that Lily gets so drunk, she confuses the playpen for the pig pen and her baby has to waddle in mud for hours before someone notices," Hilton blogged. "Can't you stick to intoxication instead of moving on to procreation? It's what you know best!"

Allen tweeted: "I hate this man. Someone better watch themselves. And yes, that is a threat."

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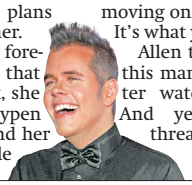

## Miley the other woman?

**TEEN HOMEWRECKER?** Miley Cyrus' romance with Liam Hemsworth has left his ex devastated, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Student Laura Griffin says Cyrus took her "boyfriend and best friend." The 19-year-old wrote on Facebook: "It's Miley Cyrus. How can I compete?"

She told Woman's Day magazine the pair would still be together if it wasn't for Cyrus: "He was my boyfriend and my best friend. There is no other reason why we would have broken up."

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## Money not behind Idol split: Paula

**POST-IDOL** In one of her first interviews since announcing her departure from American Idol, Paula Abdul reveals why she left her post on the judges' panel — and wasn't just about money, people.com reports.

"I had to stand on my principle," Abdul, 47, told TV Guide. "I'm going to miss the experience of watching young talent evolve into a place where they get to take off and soar."

The former Idol judge, who calls the show an "amazing experience," says her decision wasn't solely about a paycheck dispute. "I stand on principle where many people stand on money," she said. "I'm a hard-working artist. I've lasted in this business for 23 years. And you can't do that unless you are good at what you do."

So what's next? "I definitely want to do a talk show because it would be different," Abdul said. "It would be a lot of fun variety with a ton of unexpected stuff and tributes to everyday people getting their big chance."

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## Bruce rubbed Kevin wrong way?

**GUESS THEY WON'T BE WORKING TOGETHER AGAIN** Bruce Willis has brushed off rumours of a feud with Hollywood filmmaker Kevin Smith — after the director reportedly lashed out at a recent event for their new film A Couple of Dicks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Willis was noticeably absent from the wrap party in New York, fuelling reports the pair has been at odds over the action star's demands to add his own creative input to the film.

According to the National Enquirer, Smith took advantage of his star's absence to criticize him in a scathing toast, reportedly telling guests: "I want to thank everyone who worked on the film, except for Bruce Willis ... who is a f—ing d—!"

However, Willis insists there's no bad blood between the pair. His spokesperson told WENN, "There is absolutely no rift between Bruce Willis and Kevin Smith.

"The only reason Mr. Willis was not at the wrap party for the film is that he was in Los Angeles taking part in a press junket and press activities for his movie Surrogate."

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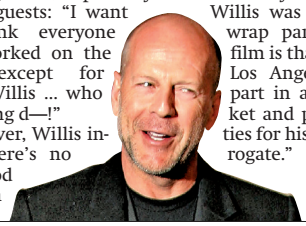

## Nicolas liquidating real estate?

**MASSIVE SELL-OFF** Fashion designer Christian Audigier has reportedly added to his Los Angeles property empire by snapping up Nicolas Cage's famous Bel Air property, according to reports.

Cage's mansion has been on the market since 2007. The actor slashed the asking price by half earlier this summer in a bid to offload the property.

It is not known what Audigier — who also co-owns the Holmby Hills mansion Michael Jackson called home during his last months — paid for the pad, but radaronline.com reports Cage was selling at a drastically reduced $17.5 million US.

Cage has also slashed the price of his 12-bedroom estate in Rhode Island, which was listed last year for $16 million. According to realestalker.com, it's now at $12 million.

The movie star is also reportedly selling a condo in New York, two homes in New Orleans, Louisiana and a house in Las Vegas.

Reports suggest he recently sold property in Malibu, California and a castle in Germany. He still owns an English estate, a second home in Malibu and a Bahamas spread.

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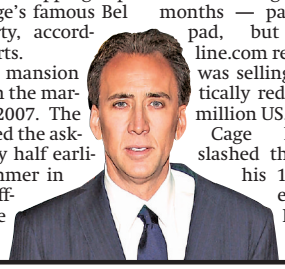

## Lindsay adds to tattoo collection

**MARILYN'S NO. 1 FAN** Lindsay Lohan added a new tattoo to her collection, and it's another Marilyn Monroe quote.

The piece of ink — reportedly her eighth — rests just below her wrist on her right arm and reads in cursive, "I restore myself when I'm alone," according to Perez Hilton.

Lohan already has a Monroe quote on her left wrist that reads, "Everyone's a star and deserves the right to twinkle."

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## Celebrity tweets

Demi Moore takes on the tabloid talk about her appearance, Tony Hawk has been watching too much HBO, and Katy Perry dishes on her love for California Pizza Kitchen

- @mrskutcher All this garbage that came out today about me is nothing more than an effort to diminish not just me but all women.
- @tonyhawk Gonna start calling my kids "teacup humans" thanks to True Blood.
- @katyperry Fast fact: could never afford the avocado which was 2 dollars extra & only got half order instead of full. I was poor! DREAMS DO COME TRUE.

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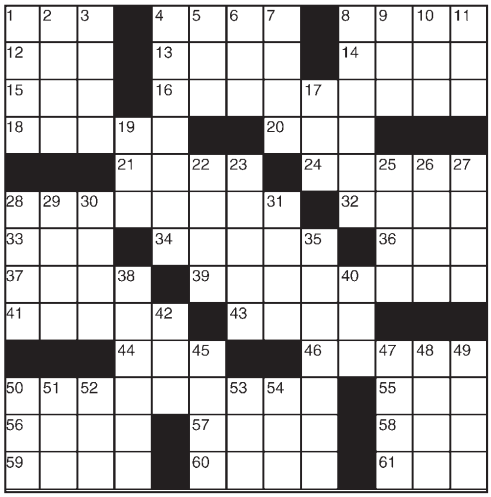

**ACROSS**

1 Letterman's network
4 Stubborn critter
8 Not working
12 Uncooked
13 Holly
14 Perfectly
15 "Born in the —"
16 Track timer
18 Ledger entry
20 Lubricate
21 Support group?
24 Presents
28 Cause clashing
32 Italian farewell
33 Work with
34 Movie cowboy Lash
36 Matterhorn, for one
37 Venetian blind part
39 Li'l Abner's home
41 Serf
43 Slay
44 Scoundrel
46 Youngsters
50 Bigfoot
55 Mined-over matter
56 Quaker's address
57 Womanizer
58 "A Chorus Line" song
59 Harvard's rival
60 Legal wrong
61 Barbie's companion

**DOWN**

1 Gunk
2 Foundation
3 Q-tip end
4 Strong, cold wind
5 Last (Abbr.)
6 Writer Buscaglia
7 Big fair, for short
8 Slanted type
9 Speck
10 Fond du —, WI
11 Biblical verb ending
17 Peruke
19 "Big Blue" company
22 Slightly
23 Seafood selection
25 Decree
26 Body powder
27 Last year's frosh
28 Dogsled command
29 Capri, e.g.
30 Notary's symbol
31 "Les Miserables" author
35 Disparaging term
38 Rotational force
40 Whatever amount
42 Greek cross
45 Small pie
47 Eccentric
48 Sea eagle
49 Spotted
50 Pigpen
51 "Eureka!"
52 Scale member
53 Additionally
54 Mongrel

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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| | | | | | 6 | | | 8 |
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| 7 | 8 | | | | | 3 | | |

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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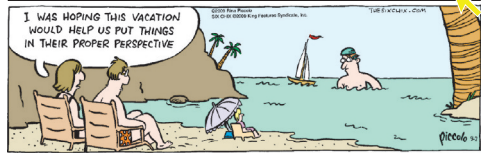


## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Peppered T-bone Steaks

**INGREDIENTS:**

3 tbsp (45 ml) steak sauce
4 1/2 tsp (22 ml) minced fresh thyme or 1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme
1/4 tsp (1 ml) coarsely ground pepper
1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
2 beef T-bone steaks
1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt

**METHOD:**

1. Coat grill rack with non-stick cooking spray before starting grill. In small bowl, combine steak sauce, thyme, pepper and cayenne.
2. Sprinkle steaks on both sides with salt. Spoon about 2 teaspoons steak sauce mixture on one side of steaks.
3. Place on grill sauce side down. Grill, covered, over medium heat 6 minutes. Brush with remaining sauce and turn. Grill 4-6 minutes longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium-rare, meat thermometer should read 145 F/63 C; medium, 160 F/71 C; well-done 170 F/77 C). Serve with grilled veggie skewers.

**SERVES 2**

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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**ARIES** ♈
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Make a special effort to stay on top of your workload today, because if you let things slide you'll find it hard to catch up.

**TAURUS** ♉
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
Venus, your ruler, aspects success planet Saturn today, so your efforts, both in your personal life and in your work, are sure to pay off.

**GEMINI** ♊
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
You are taking certain matters too seriously and in one area in particular you seem to believe that you are to blame for other people's unhappiness.

**CANCER** ♋
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
Try not to draw attention to something of an embarrassing nature today. It may be amusing to you but it won't be funny to a friend or a colleague.

**LEO** ♌
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Money matters and business issues may be under good stars at the moment but that is not an invitation to take risks with what you own and earn.

**VIRGO** ♍
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
A dispute of some kind may be unsettling but there is no need to worry as it will most likely be over as quickly as it started.

**LIBRA** ♎
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
You are expecting too much of yourself and if you don't lower your sights a little you could be in for a disappointment later in the month.

**SCORPIO** ♏
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Everyone is born with a talent and everyone has a destiny for which they are well equipped. Keep that thought in mind when dealing with people.

**SAGITTARIUS** ♐
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
You will make a big impression on employers and other important people today. Saturn will bring your leadership qualities to the fore.

**CAPRICORN** ♑
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
There are no barriers. You can do whatever it is you want in this life. Any obstacles you encounter, now or in the future, are in your mind.

**AQUARIUS** ♒
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
You are noticeably more confident about your prospects of late, even though your circumstances have changed little, if at all.

**PISCES** ♓
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
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